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An Afghan woman inks her finger during the parliamentary elections in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday.

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**Not to be deterred**

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## Air Force offering up to \$300K for pilot training ideas

By JAMES BOLINGER  
*Stars and Stripes*

The Air Force is prepared to pay up to \$300,000 for ideas to solve problems uncovered during the inaugural class of an innovative training program helping to fill about 2,000 vacant pilot positions.

The first graduates of Pilot Training Next — a six-month program at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Austin, Texas — pinned on their wings in August. PTN uses modern teaching methods and new virtual reality flight simulators that allow students to refine their skills at their own pace before ever stepping into a cockpit.

With the next crop of PTN student pilots scheduled to start training early next year, the Air Force's AFWERX innovation program has launched a crowd-sourcing effort called the "Revolutionizing Pilot Training Open Challenge" to work out technological bugs uncovered during the first class.

"The purpose of this challenge is to capture some emerging tech and incorporate it into the Pilot Training Next class that will start in January or February," Craig Leavitt, managing director of AFWERX's Austin hub, told Stars and Stripes via telephone Friday.

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**Submissions from aviation enthusiasts and industry experts are being accepted through Nov. 9.**



## MILITARY

# Camp Fuji recalls Marines who died in blaze in 1979

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Marines and Japanese citizens observed a moment of silence Friday for 13 Marines killed in a blaze nearly four decades ago at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji.

The annual ceremony remembers a night in October 1979 when Typhoon Tip — the largest tropical cyclone recorded, according to The Weather Channel — created a living nightmare for nearly 1,200 Marines and sailors bunkered down in Quonset huts on base.

During those days, Camp Fuji

hosted a farm that stored 5,000 gallons of fuel in rubber bladders behind the huts on higher ground, according to a speaker at Friday's ceremony. Tip's destructive winds, which reached up to 190 mph, ruptured one of the containers, causing fuel to gush down the hill and into the huts. A kerosene heater inside one of the huts then ignited the river of gasoline.

Then-Lance Cpl. Donald Fox said he saw the fire overtake the camp.

"I felt something like a hand of heat pick me up and push me out the door," he said at the cer-

emony, during which each fallen Marine's name was read followed by the ring of a bell. "All I saw inside was fire and darkness."

American and Japanese fire-fighters worked together as the blaze raged for two hours, only to contain it and watch the fire burn itself out.

The injured were taken to local hospitals in Gotemba; the medical center at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo; and flown to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, the speaker said. In all, 81 people were hurt and 13 Marines died in the incident.

"In the days after the fire, with



CHRISTIAN LOPEZ/Stars and Stripes

**A Marine salutes during a remembrance ceremony Friday for 13 Marines killed in a fire at Camp Fuji, Japan, in October 1979.**

little billeting left for Marines on base, many local residents of Gotemba opened their homes, and (Japan's) Takigahara Garrison opened its gate to the U.S. Marines," Col. Michael Reilly, Camp

Fuji's commander, said at the ceremony. "These acts of kindness and humanity should never be forgotten."

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## Ideas: Service looking to innovators to address several issues



SEAN WORRELL/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Air Force Capt. Johnathan Joern, a Pilot Training Next instructor, speaks to students about flying procedures at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Austin, Texas, in June.

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The service is seeking "ideas, prototypes, or full-blown solutions" to those problems from aviation enthusiasts and industry experts in the United States or other allied countries, according to the challenge's website.

There are several issues the Air Force wants innovators to address. One involves replacing a rudimentary artificial intelligence tutor with one that can tailor instruction to individual students' needs as they progress at their own pace, Leavitt said.

"The service is also seeking a reliable high-end biometric suite that tracks students' heart rates, respiration, eye movement and other biometrics that indicate cognitive function," he said.

Submissions are being accepted through Nov. 9. Viable ideas that receive 10 votes from the public will be reviewed by pilots, aircrew and acquisition

experts who may advance them to a trial/demonstration phase, the website says.

"Potential follow-on contracts could be available for ideas or technology that significantly revolutionize pilot training," Leavitt said. "While a contract or a payout is not guaranteed, an idea that revolutionizes pilot training across the entire Air Force could be worth millions of dollars."

Leavitt said he expects to receive more than 100 submissions.

"Imagine you are a small business owner. You can read a top-level challenge on the AFWERX website and think, 'I have an idea. I think I know how to solve that problem,'" he said. "It's a way to uncover small businesses and startups on the civilian side that might not have a way to connect with the government."

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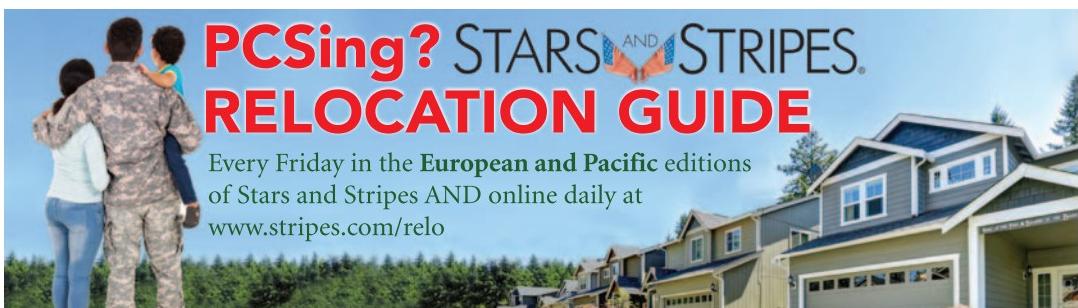
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## EUROPE

# US spends \$14M to boost Estonian base

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
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The U.S. military is investing millions into a Cold War base in Estonia where Soviet attack jets once ruled the skies.

Officially, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa last week marked what they said was a milestone in Pentagon efforts to safeguard the most vulnerable U.S. allies in Eastern Europe against Russian potential aggression.

The projects were recently completed at Amari Air Base, west of Tallinn. They included a new aircraft maintenance hangar, a hazardous cargo pad, a squadron operations facility and a dormitory, at a cost of nearly \$14 million.

The new infrastructure will be shared by the Estonians and the U.S. and NATO forces that routinely rotate into Amari to conduct Baltic air-policing missions, USAFE-AFARICA officials said.

The buildup allows allied forces to more rapidly deploy and operate from the airfield to defend the region in a crisis, Air Force officials added. The facilities also allow for more training at the base, which once hosted Soviet Sukhoi Su-24 Fencer jets during the 1980s.

The improvements "provide strategic access into that very contentious part of Europe," said Brig. Gen. Roy Agustin, USAFE-AFARICA director of logistics, engineering and force protection. "You look right across the border and there's a big regional adversary right there."

Agustin traveled to Estonia last week. Though furniture is still arriving, "we wanted to do a ribbon-cutting before it starts snowing," he said.

Agustín and other military officials involved with the work said the projects came in at just over half of initial price estimates.

USAFA-AFARICA, the Air Force Civil Engineer Center and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District all played a role.

"The Air Force requests the project. It's up to us to figure out how do we want to do it ... and it's up to us to contract with industry to perform the work," said Col. John K. Baker, the commander of the Corps' Europe District.

In this case, Estonian and German contractors were used for the agency's first military construction projects in Estonia, Baker said.

The construction took just over a year, officials said. The 220-person dormitory won't be finished until next spring.

"Everyone was focused on, 'Hey, these are important; there's definitely a threat from a regional adversary there and so we need to go on it,'" Agustin said.

The flurry of recent Pentagon investment in allied bases in Eastern Europe dates to 2014, following the Russian military intervention in Ukraine. The European Reassurance Initiative — launched that year to reinforce NATO allies on Russia's doorstep — has since morphed into the European Deterrence Initiative. The 2019 EDI budget request of \$6.5 billion is more than a six-fold increase from 2015. The Estonia projects are the first funded under EDI for U.S. European Command.

The increase comes even as President Donald Trump has complained that not enough NATO countries are pulling their load in sharing mutual defense costs. Estonia is one of the few NATO countries that invests more



PHOTOS BY EVAN PARKER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Roy Agustin, center, and other visitors tour the newly constructed aircraft maintenance hangar at Amari Air Base, Estonia, on Tuesday.**

than 2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense, a long-ignored benchmark that NATO in 2014 agreed to work toward over the next decade.

The most northern of the three small Baltic nations, Estonia shares about 183 miles of border on its eastern flank with Russia. A 2016 Rand Corp. report determined that Russian forces were capable of occupying the capitals of both Latvia and Estonia within three days of the start of hostilities.

NATO has conducted a Baltic air-policing mission since 2004 when Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia joined the alliance. The Baltic nations don't have their own combat jets.

The Belgians currently have the lead for the mission in Latvia, while the Germans are support-

ing them in Estonia, Air Force officials said.

More U.S.-funded military construction projects are slated for Amari, said Ryan Morrell, a USAFE-AFARICA program manager for the EDI program. They include a \$10.8 million apron to park aircraft, as well as fuel storage tanks and piping, he said.

The 435th Construction and Training Squadron at Ramstein also recently upgraded the base's



**Guests tour the newly constructed hangar following a ceremonial ribbon-cutting on Tuesday.**

aircraft arresting system on both ends of the runway and repaired the airfield's Soviet-era concrete, Morrell said.

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## Russia says it will block Ukraine drills in Sea of Azov

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**The Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS Rodney M. Davis departs from a replenishment-at-sea in 2014. Ukrainian media reported Thursday that Kiev was in talks with the U.S. to obtain Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates.**

Russia says it will block any attempt by Ukraine to host military drills in the Sea of Azov, a strategic waterway where Kiev could soon be operating two newly acquired American warships.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said a bilateral treaty with Ukraine prohibits military drills in the area around Azov without a greenlight from Moscow.

"Now Ukraine wants to hold NATO drills in the Sea of Azov but it will be impossible to go there because our treaty with Ukraine requires mutual consent for the passage of warships into the Sea of Azov," Lavrov told French media on Thursday. "But they want this and they are being actively goaded into this."

So far, NATO allies haven't signaled any intention of sending ships into Azov or joining possible Ukrainian exercises there.

In recent months, tensions have ratcheted up between Russia and Ukraine over Moscow's grip on the Kerch Strait, a passage that connects Ukraine's ports to the Black Sea. Russia has delayed the

transit of hundreds of commercial ships bound for Ukraine, which some security analysts say has put a strain on the country's struggling economy.

The U.S. has denounced Russia's stepped-up patrols and taken steps to boost Ukraine's military.

It remains unresolved under international law what parts of the sea belong to Ukraine and Russia as an internal sea, or if parts of the sea qualify as international waters.

Last month, the U.S. Coast Guard transferred two Island-class cutters, armed with 50-caliber machine guns and 25 mm deck guns, to Ukraine as part of an effort to bolster the country's small and outgunned navy.

Ukrainian media also reported Thursday that Kiev was in talks with the U.S. to obtain surplus U.S. Navy frigates. The Oliver Hazard Perry-class warships would be transferred under the Pentagon's Excess Defense Property program, which enables the U.S. to release unused weaponry to friendly nations. The financial terms of the potential deal are still being negotiated, Ukrainian media reported.

In September, U.S. special envoy Kurt Volker said the Trump administration was open to giving Ukraine more lethal weaponry to address capability gaps, especially naval and air defense assets.

In the wake of Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, Moscow has steadily built up its forces in the Black Sea region. In May, Russia opened a new 11-mile, \$3.7 billion road and rail bridge over the Kerch Strait that connects Crimea to the Russian mainland.

Such moves have infuriated Ukraine, which plans to open a new naval base along the Sea of Azov in hopes of countering Russia in a crisis.

Meanwhile, the rhetoric from Ukraine's political leaders has intensified.

"We are getting ready to repel Russian aggression from sea in the Sea of Azov area. Powder should be kept ready," Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said Oct. 14 at a military ceremony in Kiev.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

# Afghan voting enters day 2

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Voting in Afghanistan's parliamentary elections extended into Sunday after the ballot's initial day was plagued by violence and various technical and organizational problems. However, more than 100 polling centers were still unable to open because of security threats, officials said.

Nationwide, 401 polling centers were due to operate on Sunday after running into problems the day before. The Independent Election Commission said only 253 were able to, and that voters registered at the remaining 148 centers would not be able to cast their ballots in the election.

Delayed opening times, absent election officials, confusion over biometric voter registration and missing registration lists led to scenes of chaos at many of the roughly 5,000 polling centers that were supposed to be functioning on Election Day.

Militants also attempted to obstruct the vote, widely regarded as a test of the U.S.-led coalition's 17-year effort to build a stable democracy. Nearly 200 security incidents were reported Saturday, resulting in at least 36 deaths and dozens of injuries. Deputy Interior Minister Akhtar Mohammed Ibrahimi said.

The setbacks, however, did not deter voters — many of whom see the elections as a way to improve the dire economic and security situations in the country — from returning to the polls Sunday.

"Yesterday, I was really disappointed that I couldn't vote. But I'm very happy I was able to vote today and that they gave us the chance to exercise our right," Kabul resident Ahmad Samir said at a polling center in the capital's Taimani neighborhood.

The center, inside a mosque, was open Saturday. But frequent glitches with biometric machines — which arrived just a month before the elections and were aimed at stemming fraud — contributed to a backup, which meant voting had to resume Sunday.

Eight boxes filled with ballots from the first day of voting were kept in a corner overnight.

Samir said that while he trusted no one tampered with the ballots, he could understand how the situation — repeated hundreds of polling centers in all corners of



MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AP

Women line up to vote during the second day of elections in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

## Major voting pattern divide seen in rural, urban areas

By J.P. LAWRENCE  
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KABUL, Afghanistan — On the first day of Afghanistan's long-delayed parliamentary elections, Bashir stayed home with his family in Logar province.

Bashir, who wanted to be known by his first name for security reasons, did not vote. Nor did anyone in his village, he said. Asked why, Bashir cited the words written on the walls in his village of Muhammad Agha: "If you vote, we will cut your hands."

Scenes of crowds of voters in Kabul clashed with empty polling places in more rural areas, according to election observers and analysts. When combined with registration issues and potential fraud, the divide between urban and rural voting patterns in a country that is 70 percent rural may hamper whether the election is seen as legitimate by the Afghan people.

"The Taliban effectively rule much of the rural space," said Thomas Rutting, co-director of Afghanistan Analysts Network, adding the militant group is "able to scare voters away" from voting in rural districts.

In Logar, the network found the Taliban were not allowing anyone into polling centers in Bashir's village of Muhammad Agha. Locals shared photos of Taliban in camouflage uniforms on motorbikes. In another village, Afghanistan Analysts Network found that people arrived to vote but encountered no election workers, no ballots, no voter lists. So they left.

In total, about 3 million people voted Saturday, said Independent Elections Commission Chairman Abdul Badi Sayat. About 8.8 million of the country's estimated population of 33 million are registered voters.

"The turnout for yesterday's election was really, really low compared to the registered number of people announced,"

said Mohammad Naeem Ayubzada, director of the Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan.

There probably were never that many registered, according to Ayubzada, who said his organization sent more than 7,200 observers to polling stations. He said he is worried that rural areas are more prone to fraud.

The Taliban vowed to attack elections and conducted nearly 200 attacks across the nation on Saturday, according to Deputy Interior Minister Akhtar Mohammed Ibrahimi. In addition to districts where no voting was planned due to insecurity, some polling stations remained shut in Helmand and Samangan provinces, and four poll observers were killed in Balkh, according to news reports by Pajhwok Afghan News.

In Zabul province, ongoing fighting prevented voters from coming to polls. The government conducted airstrikes Saturday afternoon in three districts in Zabul, killing 25 Taliban, according to Gov. Rahmatullah Yarmal. No soldiers or police were wounded in operations to clear the province before the vote, although a mortar hit a house and killed two children, Yarmal told Stars and Stripes.

Only 18,000 people, or less than a third of registered voters, went to the polls Saturday, Yarmal said, but he added he is proud that so many came.

"Overall, I am very happy that we had a( ) peaceful election that was 100 percent transparent, too," Yarmal said.

Rutting said the turnout in Zabul shows the influence violent threats can have on elections.

"Probably, the voters/registered voters discrepancy reflects the real balance of power in Zabul," Rutting said.

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Afghanistan — could raise doubts about the election's legitimacy.

"Maybe some people will start

thinking someone stuffed the ballots and that there was some fraud," he said.

## Votel: Still confident in Afghan forces

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The assassination of Afghan leaders in Kandahar province won't lessen U.S. support for the war in Afghanistan or deter local security forces in the fight against the Taliban, the top U.S. military commander in the Middle East said Saturday.

Gen. Joseph Votel said the U.S. was "pretty confident" that the Afghans will be able to maintain the situation down" in Kandahar.

The Taliban said Thursday's attack, which killed an influential political chief, targeted the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. But U.S. military officials have said Army Gen. Scott Miller was not in the line of fire and he escaped unharmed.

Votel expressed confidence in the ability of the Afghan forces to provide security for the parliamentary elections and into the future. "My assessment is the Afghans are resilient to this," he said. "I don't consider it to be something that will change the security situation." The Kandahar shooting, he said, won't diminish "our will" going forward."

Votel's comment to reporters traveling with him at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar echoed the sentiment expressed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Friday.

"We remain absolutely committed to an Afghan-led Afghan reconciliation," Mattis told reporters Friday at an Asian security conference in Singapore.

Ahmad Rasouli, an election observer, was one of a dozen men who spent the night inside the mosque and "only slept for about one or two hours" to ensure there was no wrongdoing.

"It's been very good," he said. "There's been no fraud."

Over 3 million Afghans risked militant attacks and voted Saturday: 8.8 million were registered to vote, the election commission said. It said around 4 million cast their ballots over both days.

Voting was postponed in the southern provinces of Ghazni and Kandahar. Ghazni faced complications, including security concerns, according to the commission.

Kandahar delayed its ballot after a deadly attack earlier in the week that killed the provincial police chief.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan said it was encouraged by the number of Afghans who turned out to vote.

"Millions of Afghan citizens braved security threats and, due to technical electoral management issues, waited long hours to cast their votes today for a better future," the UNAMA said in a statement Saturday evening. "Those eligible voters who were not able to cast their vote due to technical issues deserve the right to vote," the statement added.

Jahed Qayoumi, a master's student in the capital who voted Sunday, agreed with the UNAMA but was wary about the situation.

"I believe it is my responsibility to vote, so I came today," Qayoumi said.

"But I don't believe the government will count the votes accurately. In the past, we have had bad elections. We have reason to believe it will be the same."

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## MILITARY

# Battle over Futenma relocation continues

## Okinawa, Tokyo clash over plan to build runway at US base in Henoko

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*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The latest battle between Tokyo and Okinawa over a new U.S. military runway to one day facilitate the relocation and closure of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma has taken another step toward a legal showdown.

The Okinawa Defense Bureau — representing Japan's Ministry of Defense on the island — requested an official examination Wednesday of a landfill permit revocation made by local officials on Aug. 30, an OSD spokesman said.

The examination will be conducted by Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism under the country's Administrative Complaint Review Act.

Landfill permitting for the runway into Oura Bay at the U.S. Marine base Camp Schwab in Henoko was revoked by the previous administration because of environmental concerns.

If the agency sides with Tokyo and Okinawan officials then decline to cancel the permit revocation, Japan's central government will likely be forced to take the pre-federal government to court to overturn the action.

"The bottom line regarding the relocation to Henoko is to remove the danger of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from the crowded area surrounded by schools and residential areas," recently appointed Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya told reporters

Wednesday.

He called Futenma "the most dangerous air base in the world" and said he would like to return the land to Okinawa "as soon as possible."

Newly elected Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki blasted the move, accusing Tokyo of disregarding public opinion on the matter.

"The act should only be applied to protect the right of an individual, not a government entity," Tamaki said, according to the Okinawa Times newspaper. "This is an illegal action to twist the system."

A Tamaki spokesman told Stars and Stripes on Thursday the new governor hopes to resolve the matter through discussion, not by legal battle.

It's the third time Okinawa officials have either revoked permitting for the project or sued to stop it. It is largely seen as a last-ditch effort after two previous attempts were struck down in Japanese courts.

Tamaki — the son of a Japanese mother and a U.S. Marine — was elected Sept. 30 after defeating Atsushi Sakima, who was backed by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, by about 80,000 votes.

Tamaki ran as the heir apparent to former Gov. Takeshi Onaga, who had long opposed the relocation of Marine air operations within Okinawa prefecture and tried everything in his power to halt the move to Schwab before dying of pancreatic cancer on Aug. 8.

Relocating Marine air operations from the dense urban area



HAILEY CLAY/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

**A Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom flies toward Camp Schwab, Okinawa, in November. Officials in Tokyo and Okinawa are at odds over U.S. plans to build a new runway at Camp Schwab in Henoko.**

of Futenma is more than 20 years in the making because of safety concerns over frequent overhead flight operations.

The plan to build the new runway at Camp Schwab was decided during bilateral negotiations in 2006. Then-Okinawa Gov. Hiroyakazu Nakaima signed off on a permit to allow the landfill work in 2013, and construction began in August 2014.

However, Onaga's November 2014 election threatened to derail

the project. He ran on a platform vowing to stop the relocation and eject the MV-22 Osprey from the island.

Onaga revoked a permit to fill in the sea for the runway in March 2016, which halted construction. That move was struck down by the Fukuoka High Court in December 2016.

He filed a district court lawsuit in July 2017, which ended unsuccessfully in March.

Plans were made to start con-

struction on the runway on Aug. 17. Onaga then vowed one final permit revocation but died suddenly before he could follow through.

The central government postponed the landfill work in the wake of his death. The permit was ultimately revoked by Onaga's vice governors who took over until the election.

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## COLA rates changing for US military paychecks in Japan

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Military personnel and their families across Japan will notice a change in their paychecks as soon as next month reflecting results from the 2018 living pattern survey administered last spring.

Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene, of U.S. Forces Japan, announced the new cost-of-living allowance rates for servicemembers in Japan on AFN Tokyo radio Friday — about two weeks ahead of when the numbers are to be published by the Defense Travel Management Office on Nov. 1.

COLA rates indicate how much more expensive it is to live in an area as compared with the United States.

A baseline of 100 represents the cost of living in the U.S., so a COLA rate of 122 means an area's cost of living is 22 percent higher than it is back home.

Servicemembers at four installations — Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Yokota Air Base, Misawa Air Base and Sasebo Naval Base — will see their COLA rates increase, Greene told listeners.

Iwakuni is seeing the greatest boost, up 6 points from 122 to 128. Yokota and Misawa's rates increased by 4 points from 118 to 122 and 124 to 128, respectively; and Sasebo increased by 2 points from 122 to 124.

Other bases saw a drop in COLA, with Camp Fuji's rate decreasing by 6 points from 124 to 118; Camp Zama by 4 points from 130 to 126; and Naval Air Facility Atsugi by 2 points from 124 to 122, Greene said. Those assigned to bases on Okinawa will see a 2-point decrease, from 120 to 118.

COLA rates remain unchanged for those at Yokosuka Naval Base and Yokohama North Dock, he said.

The new rates will be implemented for all bases by the end

of the year, Greene told AFN's listeners.

"For those areas that will see an increase, it will be effective in your November paychecks," he said, adding that those experiencing a decrease will notice the changes in their December pay.

To help families find out what the new COLA rates will look like in dollar amounts, the Defense Travel Agency offers an online tool to calculate COLA based on pay grade, years of service, number of dependents and type of housing. It can be found at [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/cola-Calc.cfm](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/cola-Calc.cfm).

The changes in rates were the result of responses to the living patterns survey offered in April and May to military bases in Japan.

The survey — which is offered every three years — asks servicemembers how and where they shop for goods and services, according to the DTA.

The responses are then used

to determine how much military families overseas are paying for products compared with what they would pay if they lived stateside.

The purpose of COLA is to compensate personnel for higher prices overseas, so COLA rates drop if results indicate prices have become more comparable with stateside rates.

This is the second time COLA rates have changed in Japan in 2018. In January, all but two U.S. bases — Atsugi and Camp Fuji — experienced COLA reductions based on the results from a 2017 market basket survey. The largest decreases came at Yokosuka, where servicemembers saw rates drop about 45 percent, and at Yokota, where they fell by about 30 percent.

Earlier this year, many military families and bases in Japan made a concerted effort to promote survey participation.

Navy spouse Ellie Jackson created a campaign on the 5,500-

member "Yokosuka Military Spouses" Facebook group to remind people to take the survey in hopes that more responses would raise the COLA rates.

Jackson said in April that when COLA rates dropped for Yokosuka earlier this year, some people had a perception that rates may increase if more people complete the living patterns survey. The market basket survey that determined the January COLA change had a low response rate.

But then-Yokosuka Naval Base spokesman Sean Kelly warned that while it's important that the surveys are completed by as many people as possible for accuracy, COLA rates can rise or fall regardless of the number of survey respondents.

"But the more data you have, the more accurate the COLA information can be," Kelly said.

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# MILITARY



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**Delta Battery, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment members salute during a ribbon-cutting at Camp Carroll, South Korea, on Friday.**

## THAAD presence in S. Korea formalized

By MARCUS FICHTL  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea — The administrative offices for the U.S. military's most advanced anti-ballistic missile system in South Korea have finally found a permanent home nearly two years after a midnight run brought the first pair of launchers to the peninsula.

The controversial Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, battery — on a former golf course in the melon-farming area of Seongju, 190 miles south of Seoul — is manned by a unit known as Combined Task Force Defender.

The Delta Battery, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, which oversees the operation from nearby Camp Carroll, cut the ribbon Friday for its newly refurbished headquarters building.

"This ceremony today is the final step to formalize the presence of Delta-2 on the Korean Peninsula," said the battery's commander, Capt. Kate Theilacker, 29.

Theilacker, from New Richmond, Wis., later told Stars and Stripes she was "honored" to be part of the "historic moment."

"We're here for the long haul to support the Korean people. We're here as a permanent fixture in the ballistic missile defense of the peninsula," she said.

The United States and South Korea agreed to deploy THAAD to the peninsula in 2016 to counter a growing threat from North Korea.

The transition from a temporary to a permanent unit began about a year ago when the unit flagged to the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and its soldiers became permanently assigned rather than rotated in from the United States.

The move occurred despite opposition from locals, activists and China, which claims THAAD's radar system poses a threat to its national defense. President Donald Trump also questioned what he was said was the \$1 billion cost of THAAD.

Local South Korean protesters routinely demonstrate as transport vehicles enter the base. Most recently, skirmishes erupted in April when the South Korean defense ministry



Above: The regiment guidon is displayed during the ceremony. Below: Commander Capt. Kate Theilacker speaks at the event.



said it was providing material to make the base livable for the South Korean and U.S. service members there.

Theilacker said the new building was a massive upgrade from their old location, which consisted of two small rooms and three computers.

"Sometimes, we'd cram 40 people into the old place" she said while giving a tour of the

new headquarters, which includes offices, an armory to store small arms for the unit and space for 20 computer workstations.

The smell of new paint and celebratory cake was a warm welcome to their new home at Camp Carroll, but Theilacker said life at Seongju needs improvement.

"The buildings we have weren't built to house soldiers," she said. "It's not inhabitable, but it's not nice."

She said the protesters not only force her troops to fly in and out every week via helicopter but also stop U.S. vehicles from shipping in goods and supplies.

"Currently, the only way on and off of the site is by helicopter," she said. "A week at a time at least, every single one of my soldiers is away from their barracks room, their family."

She said if the gates weren't blocked, they wouldn't require the extended rotations and could keep more people at Carroll, which is only a 25-minute drive away.

Spc. Josiah Welch, a THAAD operator, said conditions have improved since he started at the site in November.

"There was pretty bad mold initially," said Welch, 25, from Winter Park, Fla. "There was a week where we didn't have running water — we had baby wipe showers." Now they have air conditioning and showers, he said.

The military finally began shipping fresh food three times a week last month, reducing some reliance on prepared field rations, Theilacker said.

The site even got a popcorn maker two weeks ago, she said, adding that toward the end of her last rotation, it began tasting like the best popcorn she ever had.

Theilacker hopes they will get a functioning dining facility by the end of the year rather than relying on the South Korean unit's kitchen.

Welch said he appreciates the "real-world application" of his job despite the rough conditions at Seongju.

"We get to see our work come to life and actually make an impact in the world," he said.

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## US Navy probes helo mishap on Okinawa

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The U.S. Navy is investigating what caused an HH-60H Seahawk helicopter to crash into another one on an Okinawa runway earlier this month.

The incident between two Seahawks from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85 happened at Kadena Air Base on Oct. 9, Navy officials told Stars and Stripes on Friday.

Details were scarce because the investigation is ongoing.

There were no injuries, but initial damage estimates compelled the Navy to report the incident as a Class A mishap, which means that damage was more than \$2 million or at least one of the aircraft is a total loss.

"The investigation will determine why and how this happened and the full extent of the damage," said Naval Air Forces spokesman Cmdr. Ron Flanders. He said all estimates on damages were preliminary and that it is possible the incident could be downgraded after closer inspection.

Flanders could not say how many Seahawks are deployed to Okinawa because of operational security concerns.

The incident is the Navy's second Class A mishap this fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, according to data provided on the Naval Safety Center's website.

On Oct. 4, an F/A-18F Super Hornet made an emergency landing at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., after a right engine caught fire during training. There were no injuries.

Also, it's the second Class A mishap this calendar year for Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85, which is based at Naval Air Station North Island in Southern California.

In July, Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Richard Clement, 31, was killed and another crewmember was injured when a fuel tank detached from a helicopter and landed on them. That incident remains under investigation.

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## NATION

# Russia: US treaty pullout would be 'dangerous step'

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*Associated Press*

ELKO, Nev. — President Donald Trump said his intention to scrap a landmark arms control agreement with Russia follows years of violations by Moscow in developing prohibited weapons, and "we're not going to be the only one to adhere to it." The Kremlin said the pullout "would be a very dangerous step."

Britain said it stood "absolutely resolute" with the U.S., while Germany called Trump's move "regrettable."

Germany Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in a statement Sunday that the 3-decades-old Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty is "an important pillar of our European security architecture" and Trump's announcement "raises difficult questions for us and Europe."

Maas said Germany has repeatedly urged Moscow to "clear up the serious allegations of breaching the INF treaty, which Russia has so far not done."

He said Germany is urging Washington to "consider the possible consequences" of its decision, including for a U.S.-Russia nuclear disarmament treaty beyond 2021.

The 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty helps protect the security of the U.S. and its allies in Europe and the Far East. It bars the United States and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying a ground-launched cruise missile with a range of 300 to 1,000 miles.

"Russia has violated the agreement. They have been violating it for many years," Trump said Saturday after a rally in Elko. "And we're not going to let them violate a nuclear agreement and go out and do weapons and we're not allowed to."

Trump is sending his national security adviser, John Bolton, to Moscow for meetings with Russian leaders, including Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev, and Bolton was expected to relay the news about

Trump's decision.

"This would be a very dangerous step," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, was quoted as telling state news agency Tass on Sunday. He said a U.S. withdrawal "will cause the most serious condemnation from all members of the international community who are committed to security and stability."

British Defense Secretary Gavin Williamson said his country stands "absolutely resolute" with the United States on the treaty dispute. Williamson blamed Russia for endangering the arms control pact and he called on the Kremlin to "get its house in order."

Williamson told the Financial Times on Sunday that Moscow had made a "mockery" of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

U.S.-Russia relations already are strained as a result of the Ukrainian crisis, the war in Syria and allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential race and upcoming U.S. midterm elections.

Russia has repeatedly denied that it has violated the treaty and has accused the United States of not being in compliance.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has previously suggested that a Trump administration proposal to add a sea-launched cruise missile to America's nuclear arsenal could provide the U.S. with leverage to try to persuade Russia to come back in line on the arms treaty.

Trump's decision could prove controversial with European allies and others who see value in the treaty, said Steven Pifer, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who focuses on nuclear arms control.

"Once the United States withdraws from the treaty, there is no reason for Russia to even pretend it is observing the limits," he wrote in a post on the organization's website. "Moscow will be free to deploy the 9M729 cruise missile, and an intermediate-range ballistic missile if it wants, without any restraint."



## Port visit

Above: Crewmembers walk the fly deck of the HMS Queen Elizabeth, Britain's largest warship, during a visit to New York Harbor on Saturday in New York. Left: The Queen Elizabeth anchors near Lower New York Bay.

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## Body of woman missing in Texas floods ID'd

*Associated Press*

JUNCTION, Texas — A body found last week in a rain-swollen Central Texas lake is that of an Alabama woman who went missing Oct. 8 when floodwaters overwhelmed an RV park, authorities said Saturday.

Burnet County sheriff's officials said the body of Charlotte Moye was found on Lake Lyndon B. Johnson near Kingsland on Tuesday.

The bodies of two of the men were found Oct. 11. A third was found two days later.

Texas has been besieged in recent weeks by heavy rains that

Moye and three men went missing about a week earlier when the Llano River, surging from days of rain, overran its banks and swept through the South Llano RV Park in Junction. The Llano River extends about 80 miles from Junction to Kingsland, which is northwest of Austin.

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Texas has been besieged in recent weeks by heavy rains that

have caused widespread flooding. Gov. Greg Abbott on Friday cautioned residents along the Gulf Coast and South Texas to be cautious as engorged rivers send floodwaters downstream.

Flooding along the Llano, Guadalupe and other rivers likely will continue for another week, he said. Conditions could worsen in some areas with another round of rain forecast to move over the state this week.

## 80 percent of gas pipelines replaced after blast

*Associated Press*

BOSTON — The utility company involved in last month's explosions and fires in Massachusetts said it has replaced nearly 36 miles of main pipeline in the area.

Columbia Gas announced Sunday that it's 80 percent through

its work replacing 45 miles of main pipeline, and about half-way through its work replacing 6,100 service lines to homes and businesses.

The company said 151 construction crews were expected to continue work Sunday in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

The Sept. 13 explosions and fires killed a teenager and injured at least 25 other people.

Federal authorities say natural gas lines became overpressurized after Columbia Gas failed to account for critical pressure sensors as workers replaced century-old cast-iron pipes in Lawrence.

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## NATION

# New rules proposed for 'opportunity zones'

By MARCY GORDON  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is proposing rules for investors in a new program that it says could have a big impact on economically depressed areas around the country. About 8,700 so-called "opportunity zones" have been set up in all 50 states to lure investors and developers with tax breaks.

The rules from the Treasury Department, issued Friday, lay out the period of time that individuals or companies must hold on to their investments in the zones to avoid paying taxes on the resulting profits.

Administration officials say the goal of the program, established by a law that was enacted last December, is to create businesses and jobs in low-income areas and lift residents out of poverty. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin predicts that \$100 billion in private capital will be invested in the new zones.

"This incentive will foster economic revitalization and promote sustainable economic growth," Mnuchin said in a statement.

But some critics say the new rules and the way the program is set up will benefit real estate developers and Wall Street funds and will pull investment toward

more well-off areas that need it least.

"The real estate industry is completely excited and mobilized about this, and now is getting paid through massive tax cuts," said Timothy Weaver, a professor at the State University of New York in Albany who has studied similar development programs.

He said the program "doesn't have much of an effect other than giving tax breaks to people who are going to invest anyway."

Under the rules, the investments are open to individuals, corporations, partnerships and real estate investment trusts. Any kind of business or real estate development is qualified so long as it isn't deemed by regulators to contribute to vice — a liquor store or massage parlor, for example. Participants can take their profits from unrelated investments and plow them into an opportunity zone fund, avoiding paying taxes on those gains until the end of 2026. Depending on how many years they hold the investment, they can reduce their eventual tax bill by up to 15 percent.

Investments within the zones held for 10 years or more are entirely free of capital gains taxes.

A new rule sets up a 70-30 split for determining if certain businesses are eligible for the tax



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

A man walks by a closed restaurant on April 26 along Bergen Street in a so-called "opportunity zone" in Newark, N.J.

break. Provided that at least 70 percent of a business's "tangible" property sits within a zone, it is considered eligible even if the rest is outside the zone. An example would be individual locations of a restaurant chain, some inside and some outside.

With 30 percent of the properties allowed outside the zones, many of the new jobs could come in already booming areas, Weaver suggested. Conventional

economic development programs generally require all of a business' property to be within the affected area, he said.

Brett Theodos, principal research associate at the Urban Institute, estimates that only about 10 to 15 percent of the zones will attract investment and that around 10 percent could get 90 percent of the money invested.

8,761 census tracts — in every state, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories — now officially beckoning to investors as opportunity zones encompass some 35 million people. Based on Census data, the zones have an average poverty rate of about 32 percent, compared with the national average of 17 percent.

Governors in the states and territories put forward their choices for areas to become special development zones. Every choice — 100 percent of the areas proposed — was blessed by the Treasury Department after a four-month review.

The choices "indicate only minimal targeting of the program toward disadvantaged communities with lesser access to capital," Theodos wrote in a research paper. "Low- and moderate-income residents will need to be able to afford to remain in their communities as the areas

upgrade and not be displaced if they are to benefit from the gains opportunity zones bring."

Census tracts were eligible to become opportunity zones if their residents meet average low-income requirements. Some tracts with higher average incomes were allowed if they're located next to the low-income tracts. Those better-off areas, with more infrastructure and amenities, could be more attractive to investors.

The mix will work out well, as Maurice Jones, the president of Local Initiatives Support Corp., a community development organization, sees it.

"From our perspective, the governors did a really fine job in picking places that are in distress," Jones said in an interview.

The program has drawn bipartisan support. Even Democratic lawmakers, who fiercely opposed the tax legislation and unanimously withheld their votes for it, do like the opportunity zones program nested within it.

Supporters see the estimated \$9.4 billion in lost revenue from the program's tax breaks as a small price — for U.S. taxpayers indirectly — to pay.

To read the proposed rules, go to <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/reg-115420-18.pdf>.

## Trump promises tax cuts for middle-income people

By SEUNG MIN KIM  
*The Washington Post*

ELKO, Nev. — President Donald Trump said Saturday that Republicans are planning to implement a "very major tax cut" for middle-income earners before next month, even though Congress is out of session until after November's midterm elections.

After his campaign rally in this northeastern Nevada town, Trump talked up the new round of tax cuts but did not go into specifics. He said the cuts would be done "sometime just prior" to November, "not for business at all," he would say, to November."

"We are going to be putting in and are studying very deeply right now around the clock a major tax cut for middle-income people," Trump said shortly before his departure back to Washington. "Not for business at all. For middle-income people."

It was not precisely clear what Trump was referring to, and the White House did not immediately respond to a request for clarification. One official familiar with the discussions said Trump has pushed congressional leaders to introduce another tax cut package before the Nov. 6 election.

But that appears highly unlikely as lawmakers are out of Washington, and there are no plans for either chamber to reconvene before their regularly scheduled return on Nov. 13.

Rob Damschen, a spokesman for House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady,

R-Texas, deferred to the White House for specifics on a new tax proposal.

"There is continued interest in building on the success of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and constantly improving the tax code for hard-working families and America's small businesses," Damschen said.

The House in late September passed a second round of tax cuts that would permanently extend rates for individual earners. Under the new GOP law, those cuts expire after a decade.

Rep. Jacky Rosen, the Democratic Senate candidate in Nevada, voted in favor of extending the individual tax cuts permanently even though she opposed the initial tax bill. However, the Senate, where 60 votes are needed to pass most legislation and Republicans control only 51 votes, has no plans to take up the bill.

"Now the last was for middle-income and for business and our business is now coming back because of it," Trump said. As for the latest tax plan, Trump said, "Kevin Brady's working on it, (House Speaker) Paul Ryan is working, we're all working on it."

The Treasury Department has also been looking into a tax change that would not need congressional approval by studying whether to allow investment income — or capital gains — to be adjusted for inflation in a way that shields more of it from being taxed.

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## NATION

# Lottery sales brisk as Mega Millions jackpot hits record

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT  
Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — The Mega Millions lottery may see a streak of jackpot rollovers end as it heads toward a record \$1.6 billion drawing on Tuesday.

As more tickets sell, chances grow that at least one buyer will pick all six winning numbers. That would stop the streak of 25 rollovers, most recently on Friday night.

Based on sales projections, 75 percent of the 302 million possible combinations will be chosen for Tuesday's drawing, up from 59.1 percent in Friday's, said Carole Gentry, spokeswoman for Maryland Lottery and Gaming.

"It's possible that nobody wins again. But it's hard to fathom," Gentry said.

About 280 million tickets sold in Friday's drawing, none matching the winning mix of 7, 15, 23, 53, 65 and 70 to claim an estimated prize of \$1 billion. Fifteen tickets matched five numbers for second-tier prizes of at least \$1 million.

The \$1.6 billion estimated jackpot would be the largest prize in U.S. history. The second-largest jackpot was a \$1.586 billion Pow-

erball drawing on Jan. 13, 2016.

Russ Lopez, spokesman for the California Lottery, said tickets were going "very, very quickly" on Saturday.

Tonya Jimenez, assistant manager at Beavers Market in Fort Collins, Colo., said all three registers were going Saturday, a day after the store sold 220 tickets. Many hopefuls haven't played before.

"We tell them how to play it," she said. "They don't know what to do. We're doing a lot of explaining."

The Mega Millions jackpot has been growing since July, when a group of 11 California office workers won \$543 million.

It costs \$2 to play the game. The odds of winning the jackpot are about 1 in 302 million, but with so many tickets being purchased, the likelihood of a rollover becomes increasingly slim.

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People line up at a Kwik Stop food store in Hollywood, Fla., to buy Mega Millions lottery tickets Friday.



NAM Y. HUH/AP  
A billboard along I-90/94 highway in Chicago displays the estimated Mega Millions jackpot as of Friday.

## Ga. officer shot dead; 2 charged

Associated Press

**SNELLVILLE, Ga.** — Two teenage suspects, including one who is still being sought by police, were charged in connection with the fatal shooting of a Georgia police officer who was killed while responding to a suspicious vehicle parked near a middle school, authorities said Sunday.

Authorities said they believe Tafahree Maynard, 18, fatally shot Officer Antwan Toney on Saturday afternoon in the Snellville area, Gwinnett County police said in a statement. Maynard remained at large early Sunday and should be considered armed and dangerous, police said.

A second suspect, Isaiah Pretlow, 19, was charged with aggravated assault related to a separate incident following Toney's fatal shooting, police said. Both suspects are from Snellville.

Toney, 30, died at a hospital from his injuries, police said. Originally from Southern California, Toney had been with the



Antwan Toney

Gwinnett County Police Department for nearly three years. It was his first police job.

"The people that worked with Officer Toney on a daily basis recalled a very jovial person who was dedicated to his job and dedicated to his community," Gwinnett County police Chief Butch Ayers said.

According to police, Pretlow drove the vehicle from the scene following the shooting, crashed a short distance away and fled along with other occupants. An officer who was searching the area later encountered Pretlow about 3 p.m. Pretlow pointed a gun at the officer, who fired shots. Pretlow was not hit and fled into a wooded area. He was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals at about 11:30 p.m.

The shooting happened near Shiloh Middle School, about 25 miles northeast of Atlanta.

## Lawsuit: Electronic scooter companies grossly negligent

BY PETER HOLLEY  
*The Washington Post*

The nation's electronic scooter companies are facing more blowback as concerns rise about the safety of these devices — this time in the form a class-action lawsuit filed Friday in California.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, accuses two of the largest e-scooter companies, Lime and Bird, as well as other e-scooter firms, of "gross negligence" and "aiding and abetting" assault.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of eight initial plaintiffs, says the companies' practices have contributed to injuries in multiple ways. By "dumping" scooters on public streets without an appropriate warning, the suit alleges e-scooter companies acted negligently and should have known that their devices would become a dangerous "public nuisance."

Three plaintiffs claim they were walking when e-scooter riders crashed into them from behind, resulting in severe injuries. The suit alleges that e-scooter companies knew their riders were injur-

ing pedestrians and — by failing to stop the collisions from occurring — assisted and encouraged scooter riders as they committed "assaults."

The suit also states that both companies' scooters contain defective electronics and mechanical parts, as well as inadequate safety instructions for riders, and that they have "a wanton disregard for the safety of others."

The risks posed by the devices, the suit states, "were known and/or knowable" based on "professional knowledge" within the transportation community.

The suit makes numerous claims about scooters' mechanical issues but does not provide concrete evidence for those claims.

The suit also names scooter manufacturers Xiaomi United States and Segway as defendants.

"While acting under the guise of the commendable goals of furthering personal freedom and mobility and protecting the environment, the defendants, and each of them, are endangering the health, safety and welfare of riders, pedestrians and the general public," the suit states.

The suit adds that "scores (if not hundreds) of riders and pedestrians and members of the public have suffered, are continuing to suffer and will continue to suffer egregious and avoidable injuries and damage to their person and property."

Spokespersons for Segway and Xiaomi United States did not respond to a request for comment.

"While we don't comment on pending litigation, safety has always been at the very core of everything we do at Lime—as is our mission of reducing cars from city streets and making them safer and greener for pedestrians, bike and scooter riders alike," a Lime spokesperson said, adding that the company "prides itself on taking proactive steps relating to safety wherever we have a presence."

In a statement released by Bird, the company pointed out that the complaint has been brought "against the entire e-scooter industry" and said shared e-scooters have become an important transportation mode "for hundreds of thousands of people in 100 cities worldwide."

## NATION

# Village recalls strange lights with UFO Day

BY BARRY ADAMS  
Wisconsin State Journal

BELLEVILLE, Wis. — One of the few certainties in the aftermath of the mysterious lights seen in the night sky more than three decades ago sits in front of a former hog barn on Highway D.

Bill Wolf's 1976 Chevy Camaro is masked with silver metal panels salvaged from old washing machines and dryers. The top entry hatch is from an old grill, and a 3-foot section of an aluminum extension ladder has been installed to make getting to and exiting the driver's seat a little less cumbersome.

A series of dinner plate-sized portholes ring the turret but the brakes are bad, so the low-slung vehicle hasn't left the yard in a few years.

Since the late 1980s, Wolf's homemade UFO has been a star of parades, has appeared in at least one book and even made a cameo in a Wisconsin Lottery commercial. It's not uncommon for passers-by to stop, take a few photos and admire his work. In recent years, it's been joined across the road by four of the octopuses that for years spun to attract customers to Octopus Car Washes.

"As fast as a Camaro," Wolf told the Wisconsin State Journal when asked how fast his 9-foot-wide ship can travel. "It was just slapped together in a couple of weeks. Whatever we had laying around. It's awfully wide, so you've got to be careful when you go down the road because you're taking more than your lane."

It's doubtful that Wolf's vehicle will appear in this year's UFO Day parade on Saturday. The day, organized by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, will feature a pancake breakfast, craft show, book sale at the library, dog show and a beer fest. The Dam Bar will hold a saucer toss at 11 a.m., while an alien costume ball is set for 8 p.m. at Schwogeler's Sugar River Lanes.

The genesis of the day was spawned in 1987 when several people, including local law enforcement, observed mysterious lights in the January sky just west of the village. Investigators were later brought in, media descended and an all-out frenzy ensued in this community of what is now 2,385 people that straddles the Dane and Green county line.

And as Wisconsin residents tend to do, a festival was formed that October as a way to celebrate and have an excuse to drink beer, grill up a few brats, have a parade and attract visitors. They do it in Monroe for cheese, in Gays Mills for apples and in Warren for cherries. Monroe has had Sputnikfest for decades after a piece of a Soviet satellite crashed in 1962 just north of the city's downtown. Elmwood in northwestern Wisconsin has had its own UFO festival since 1978 after a series of sightings in the Pierce County community located along the Eau Gallie River.

A parade is one of the centerpiece events of Belleville's UFO Day and will have about 30 entries, according to Mark Schwogeler, one of the organizers and, for the past 25 years, owner of the village's lone bowling alley. He doesn't believe in UFOs but admits that he saw something about 10 years ago in the night sky shaped like a cigar.

"It's up and down depending on the year," Schwogeler said of the parade entries. "We're going for a big push this year. We're trying to get more alien-themed things going. It has turned into a Halloween thing a lot so we're trying to get some more aliens in it."

But for at least one person, UFO Day has been a nearly lifelong experience and, at least to her, very real. And this is where



PHOTOS BY JOHN HART, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL/AP

**Bill Wolf, who crafted a spaceship onto the chassis of a 1976 Chevrolet Camaro in the 1980s, makes his way past the whimsical creation on his property near Belleville, Wis.**



**Sherry Wilde, who has documented her alleged interactions with extraterrestrial beings in the book "The Forgotten Promise — Rejoining Our Cosmic Family," will be part of a panel of speakers during a conference on the subject as part of UFO Day.**

This story about a UFO fest takes a serious turn.

As part of the event, a lecture series will be presented in the auditorium of the high school. The speakers include Don Schmitt, a world-renowned UFO investigator who lives in Hubertus near Holy Hill. He has written 15 books on Roswell, is a co-founder of the Roswell UFO Museum, has helped produced 35 documentaries and was part of the investigative team that descended on Belleville in 1987.

Also on the docket is Stephen Spyronis, a dentist from Freeport, Ill., and a regular speaker at paranormal, spiritual and

metaphysical conferences. His range of interests includes crop circles, religion, Atlantis, intelligent life forms and ancient cultures.

The most interesting speaker will undoubtedly be a real estate agent from New Glarus.

Sherry Wilde grew up on a 160-acre dairy farm, attended a one-room schoolhouse near Blanchardville and lives in a Parade of Homes-worthy house built in 2003 in a 200-acre, rural subdivision she developed in the 1990s northwest of New Glarus. Wilde, 68, is divorced, estranged from her two daughters and lives alone with her dog, a 13-year-old Maltese who is deaf and going blind.

Since she was about 8 years old, Wilde said she has had regular contact with aliens she's been in their ships, had them visit her in her bedroom and has seen them while driving, including one incident at Highway 92 and what is now Legler Road southeast of Belleville. She believes she has nearly 30 hybrid children born to aliens after her eggs were harvested on several occasions and continues to have meetings with Da, a gray alien who has been her primary contact through the years.

She has spoken at conferences about her abductions, has appeared in several YouTube videos and in 2013 wrote a 212-page book, "The Forgotten Promise: Rejoining Our Cosmic Family," about her life of alien experiences.

"I don't care what people think of me," Wilde said while sitting at her kitchen table with Schmitt. "It's just a crazy life. I just don't know what to do about it. I am this person."

Wilde said she was unaware of her abductions until 1988. After the UFO sightings in Belleville, she approached Schmitt,

who was in Belleville in June of 1987 to announce the results of the investigation into the sightings. Less than a year later Wilde traveled to the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago to undergo hypnosis, which revealed to her a series of abductions. She later met with psychologists who she says all agreed that she was "mentally sound." Further hypnosis sessions, she said, revealed more memories of abductions. In the following years, she said she encountered more visits from aliens.

"Everything that Sherry has experienced is at that next level," said Schmitt, who speaks all over the world. "There's something there. But it's not revealing itself to us. We're still without answers with what we're dealing with."

Schmitt, who was quoted in Wisconsin State Journal stories in 1987, described then that the sightings were part of a flap, researcher talk for a high concentration of UFO sightings. The first was on the night of Jan. 15-16 from Glen Kazmar, a Belleville police officer, who between 8:30 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. witnessed lights over Quarry Road. On March 5 of that year, Harvey Funseth, a surveyor for the state Department of Transportation in Madison, said he was driving home to Belleville when he noticed four oblong objects in a formation in the sky. A few days later, Lavonne Freidig, of Belleville, said she saw an object shaped like an airplane fuselage with no wings.

"It just hung there. I watched it and watched it. It was really strange."

About 200 people gathered in June of that year in the gymnasium at Belleville High School to hear the results of the investigation by Schmitt and his center. They ruled the sightings "as genuine UFO sightings."

Wilde believes the UFOs carried those who regularly visited her, something that continues to this day. She's convinced of their existence, has no physical proof but admits her story is something she wouldn't want to make up because of what it has done to her life.

"If you want attention, this is not the way I would suggest getting it," Wilde said. "You can't have a normal life."

**"It just hung there. I watched it and watched it. It was really strange."**

Lavonne Freidig,  
Belleville, Wis., resident

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Central American migrants on their way to the United States depart Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, Sunday.

## Migrant caravan swells to 5K, resumes march to US

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Associated Press

**CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico** — Despite Mexican efforts to stop them at the border, a growing throng of Central American migrants resumed their advance toward the U.S. border early Sunday in southern Mexico.

Their numbers swelled to about 5,000 overnight, and at first light they set out walking toward the Mexican town of Tapachula, 10 abreast in a line stretching approximately a mile.

It was not immediately clear from where the additional travelers had materialized since about 2,000 gathered on the Mexican side Saturday night. They seemed likely to be people who had been waiting on the bridge over the Suchiate River or in the Guatemalan town of Tecum Uman and who decided to cross during the night.

At dawn, there were still an estimated 1,500 migrants on the Guatemalan side hoping to enter legally. They marched on through Mexico like a ragtag army of the poor, shouting triumphantly slogans like "Si se pudo!" or "Yes, we could!"

As they passed through Mexican villages on the outskirts of Ciudad Hidalgo, they drew applause, cheers and donations of food and clothing from Mexicans.

Maria Teresa Orellana, a resident of the neighborhood of Lorenzo, handed out free sandals to the migrants as they passed. "It's solidarity," she said. "They're our brothers."

Olivio Castellanos, 58, a truck driver and mason from Villanueva, Honduras, said he took a raft across the river after Mexico blocked the bridge. "No one will stop us, only God," he said. "We knocked down the door and we



Migrants reach the shore on the Mexican side of the Suchiate River on the border between Guatemala and Mexico, in Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, on Saturday.

continue walking."

He wants to reach the U.S. to work. "I can do this," he said, pointing to the asphalt under his feet.

"I've made highways."

**"There are risks that we must take for the good of our children."**

**Sairy Bueso**  
Honduran  
immigrant

Hidalgo. They voted by a show of hands to continue north en masse, then marched to the bridge crossing the Suchiate River and urged those still on it to come join them.

The decision to re-form the migrant caravan capped a day in which Mexican authorities again refused mass entry to migrants on the bridge, instead accepting small groups for asylum processing.

ing and giving out 45-day visitor permits to some. Authorities handed out numbers for people to be processed in a strategy seen before at U.S. border posts when dealing with large numbers of migrants.

But many became impatient and circumvented the border gate and crossed the river on rafts, swimming or wading in full view of the hundreds of Mexican police manning the blockade on the bridge. Some paid locals the equivalent of \$1.25 to ferry them across the muddy waters. They were not detained upon reaching the Mexican bank.

Sairy Bueso, 24, a Honduran mother of two, was another migrant who abandoned the bridge and crossed into Mexico via the river. She clutched her daughter, Dayani, 2, who had recently had a heart operation, as she got off a raft.

"The girl suffered greatly because of all the people crowded on the bridge," Bueso said. "There are risks that we must take for the good of our children."

## US-Saudi tensions rise over journalist's slaying

Associated Press

widespread international skepticism and allegations of a cover-up, as well as calls for an international investigation led by a U.N.-appointed panel.

The crown prince has "now crossed a line and there has to be a punishment and a price paid for that," Corker said on CNN.

He also urged Turkey to turn over purported recordings of Khashoggi's killing inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. The existence of such evidence has been reported in Turkish media in a series of leaks, though Turkish officials have yet to confirm they have recordings.

Previously, Republican Sens. Marco Rubio and Jeff Flake had threatened tough punitive action by Congress against Saudi Arabia, including a possible halt of military sales, if it were confirmed that Khashoggi was indeed killed inside the Saudi consulate.

President Donald Trump had also talked about possibly punishing Saudi Arabia, though said he didn't want to half a proposed \$110 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia because, he maintained, it would harm U.S. manufacturers.

The Saudi account was met with

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## WORLD

# UK firms to trigger Brexit safety plans by end of year

BY PAN PYLAS  
Associated Press

LONDON — The vast majority of British firms are poised to implement their Brexit contingency plans by Christmas if there isn't greater clarity over the country's exit from the European Union, a leading business group warned Sunday.

The Confederation of British Industry said those plans could include cutting jobs, adjusting supply chains outside the U.K., stockpiling goods and relocating production and services overseas.

The warning comes amid growing fears that Britain may crash out of the EU in March without a deal on the future relationship. That could see tariffs placed on British exports, border checks reinstated, and restrictions imposed on travelers and workers — a potentially toxic combination for businesses.

"The situation is now urgent," said Carolyn Fairbairn, the CBI's director general. "The speed of negotiations is being outpaced by the reality firms are facing on the ground."

Discussions between the two sides have

hit an impasse largely over how to maintain an open border between EU member Ireland and Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom.

A summit of EU leaders last week failed to yield a breakthrough. December is now the next scheduled EU summit, leaving the Brexit process tight ahead of Britain's official departure date on March 29.

Even if a divorce deal is forged, there are doubts over British Prime Minister Theresa May's ability to secure the necessary majority in Parliament, given bitter divisions on the topic.

"Unless a Withdrawal Agreement is locked down by December, firms will press the button on their contingency plans," said Fairbairn. "Jobs will be lost and supply chains moved."

Fairbairn's warning was based on a survey of 236 member firms tilted toward small and medium-sized companies with up to 500 employees, undertaken from Sept. 19 to Oct. 8. The survey found that 82 percent of firms will have started to implement contingency plans by December if the Brexit process isn't any clearer.

## At least 22 dead in Taiwan train derailment

Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — At least 22 people were killed and at least 171 others injured Sunday when one of Taiwan's newer, faster trains derailed on a curve along a popular weekend route, officials said.

Late Sunday night, hours after the Puyuma express derailed, one of the train's eight cars was seen tipped over at about a 75-degree angle, with the entire right side destroyed. Firefighters with lights on their hard hats, fearing

people may be trapped beneath the car, were looking underneath as a crane prepared to upend it.

The train was carrying more than 366 passengers from a suburb of Taipei in the north to Taitung, a city on Taiwan's southeast coast, when it went off the tracks at 4:50 p.m., the Taiwan central government said in a statement.

Some passengers were crushed to death, Ministry of National Defense spokesman Chen Chung-chi said. One of those hurt is a U.S.

citizen.

Photos from the scene just south of the city of Luodong showed the train's eight cars in a zig-zag formation near the tracks, some on their sides. Most of the deaths were in the first car, which flipped over, a government spokesman said.

Local television reports said passengers were trying to escape through train windows and that bystanders had gathered to help them before rescuers arrived.



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Rescue workers assist at the site of a train derailment in Lian in northern Taiwan on Sunday.



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**OPINION**

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**A**lmost 250 million people live outside their countries of birth, about three times as many as in 1970. Yet few countries have made arrangements for these people's political representation. That's a mistake. Correcting it could have led to different results in recent momentous votes in many countries, including the U.S.

It helps to imagine the diasporas as overseas territories. The Russian one would be the country's second-biggest region, the Mexican one that nation's second-biggest state. Americans living abroad would form the 32nd-most populous state, falling between Utah and Arkansas, and overseas Germans would be the county's seventh-biggest state, right after Saxony.

According to the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, 72 percent of nations allow overseas voting in some form. But few treat the diaspora as a separate entity that deserves its own representatives. That doesn't make sense. Expats, emigres and refugees have specific interests in their home countries as a group. U.K. expats in European Union countries are one example. They see Brexit differently than U.K. residents. Americans are another. As expatriates, they share an interest in avoiding double taxation.

"As a German living abroad, I have other interests than those who permanently reside in Germany," Ulrike Franke, of the European Council on Foreign Relations, wrote recently, calling for Germany to introduce diaspora representation. "Other matters concern me. Such as, will Germans in England next require resident permits which will only be granted after a certain income level. I have an interest in close cooperation between the German government and French President Emmanuel Macron. It's important to me that Germany works on making different European pension and insurance systems compatible so that my pension contributions made in different European countries don't get lost."

All diasporas have a strong interest in the foreign policies of their countries of birth—an interest stay-at-home citizens often lack. Russians living overseas have started running into travel, employment and business problems since Moscow turned aggressive. The U.S. diaspora has to live every day with the consequences of President Donald Trump's foreign policy and the boorish image he's creating for the U.S.

Most countries attach overseas voters to existing domestic constituencies. If I'd voted in Berlin in the Russian parliamentary election of 2016, my vote would have gone either to Kursk or to Cherepovets, two randomly chosen cities whose local issues are of no interest to me, a Moscow native, and whose elected officials have no interest in representing me as a Russian resident of Germany. Most countries let expatriates vote where they used to live before they moved overseas. Franke's German parliament member, elected in the city of Aachen, knows nothing of her concerns.

**Diasporas matter**

That diasporas often vote in distinctly different ways from those who live in their country of birth is a strong argument for giving them their own representation.

The share of Britons voting to remain in the EU in 2016 was much higher among expatriates than among U.K. residents. Perhaps less predictably, Turks living abroad backed President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's bid for expanded powers in a 2017 referendum by a significantly wider margin than voters in Turkey — 59 percent compared

**Modern nations aren't confined to their geographic borders. Leaving one's country for extended periods is no longer unusual, and it shouldn't mean breaking off civic ties.**

with 51 percent.

In the parliamentary election in Latvia earlier this month, the center-left Harmony party, backed by the country's Russian minority, came in first with almost 20 percent of the vote; among expats, an increasingly important constituency given Latvia's shrinking population, only 6.5 percent backed Harmony while 35.7 percent cast ballots for the populist party KPV LV. Latvian expats voting in the U.K. displayed a pattern similar to that of the Brexit referendum, with populist support lower among Latvians living in London.

Few governments, political parties or even academics bother to study the motivations behind distinctive expatriate voting patterns. Campaigning in the foreign constituencies isn't widespread, either, although Erdogan's political machine has recently worked hard to collect the overseas vote. Despite the consternation his campaigning has caused in Germany and the Netherlands, more politicians should follow his example. Treating expat voters as an afterthought makes little sense. They can decide election outcomes.

Overseas balloting may be the subject of ferocious partisan combat in the 2000 U.S. presidential election and were counted in Florida in a way that helped put George W. Bush into the White House, according to an exhaustive post-mortem by The New York Times. In 2005, a center-left candidate in the Croatian presidential election was forced into a runoff by expatriates voting for the nationalist party. In 2006, the votes of Italians abroad ensured center-left technocrat Romano Prodi's victory over incumbent Silvio Berlusconi.

It's interesting to imagine how diasporas could swing important elections if they'd been more empowered and if campaigns had made more of an effort to engage them. They could have produced a different outcome for the Brexit referendum, for example. More than 135,000 Britons registered as overseas voters ahead of that ballot, bringing the total number of expat voters to 264,000. But almost 5 million British-born people live abroad, and leave the referendum by a margin of about 1.3 million.

**A political home**

Expats might bother to vote more diligently if they had their own representatives in the home country's parliament.

The U.K. has considered and rejected the idea. There and in most other countries (but not in the U.S., which taxes its expatriates) it would go against the "representation without taxation" principle. But a handful of countries aren't bothered by that. Expats, after all, can come back, and it pays for a country to maintain a connection to these mobile, enterprising citizens.

Most of the countries that have set up expat constituencies have produced relatively large diasporas. In Africa, these are Algeria, Angola, Mozambique and Cape Verde. In the Americas: Colombia, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic and Panama. In Europe: France, Italy, Portugal, Croatia, Romania and Macedonia.

The French system, Europe's oldest,

has existed, with revisions, since 1948. It's somewhat unwieldy. French people living overseas elect a special 150-member council to represent them before the French government, and that body selects 12 senators to serve in the upper house of the French legislature. The expats also directly elect 11 members of the lower chamber; currently, eight of them are from Macron's political party.

In the other European countries that allow diaspora representation, the elections are direct and there are fewer constituencies. Portugal, for example, has two — one for Europe and another for the rest of the world, and Italy has four, representing Italians in Europe, North and Central America, South America and the rest of the world.

In Portugal, Croatia and Macedonia, the number of legislators elected abroad depends on the turnout, to make sure they don't represent fewer people than their colleagues elected at home. That's a useful safeguard. In Croatia, for example, a maximum of six seats can be won from the overseas electoral district, but only three were distributed in the 2016 election because only 21,208 people voted out of an expat community estimated by the United Nations at more than 900,000 people (though some of them have given up Croatian citizenship). And in Portugal, only about 12 percent of the 24,849 registered expatriate voters cast ballots in the 2015 legislative election.

And yet foreign turnouts can be relatively healthy. In this year's Italian parliamentary election, almost 1.3 million expats cast votes; 30 percent of all voters registered as living abroad. That activity is understandable given the important role the foreign community's representatives can play in Rome. In his 2013 book, "The Scramble for Citizens," the sociologist David Cook-Martin recalled how in 2007, Luigi Pollarolo, elected to the Italian Senate in South America, cast the decisive vote in a confidence vote on the Prodi Cabinet. The government he saved was grateful, accepting his proposal that 52 million euros (\$60 million) be allocated to Italian communities abroad in the next two years.

In this year's Italian election, the mainstream, center-left Democratic Party finished first among the expatriates; nationwide, the populist Five Star Movement did. The diaspora didn't prevent an establishment revolution, but at least it tried.

It would be interesting to contemplate how the U.K. Parliament or the U.S. Senate would function if they included representatives of expatriate communities. It's not such a crazy idea. The Democratic Party, for example, recognizes Democrats Abroad as a "state" for presidential primary purposes.

One could imagine anti-Brexit expat representatives secluding Prime Minister Theresa May's parliamentary majority, or Democrats representing the expat "state" making sure that Brett Kavanaugh didn't make it onto the Supreme Court.

Modern nations aren't confined to their geographic borders. Leaving one's country for extended periods is no longer unusual, and it shouldn't mean breaking off civic ties. In his 2013 book, "Parliament and Diaspora in Europe," Michel Laguerre, of the University of California at Berkeley, described the countries that allow diaspora representation as "cosmopolitan." In a sense, every nation is a cosmopolitan today. It's a reality waiting to be recognized by conservative, hard-to-reform political systems.

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## OPINION

## What Republicans aren't saying before midterms

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**A**ccording to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Republicans in Washington "are setting in motion their plan to destroy the Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security that seniors and families rely on." She's distorting comments by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who actually said that while he would like to see reforms to those programs, they will not happen with Congress and the White House both controlled by Republicans. Republicans aren't planning to cut Medicare and Social Security.

The truth is worse: They're not planning to do much of anything at all.

Republicans in Washington have no agenda beyond confirming President Donald Trump's judicial nominees, and have not had one for all of this year. In 2017, they tried to make big changes to "Obamacare" and the tax code. They failed on one and succeeded on the other, and then they just gave up.

At the end of 2017, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., was pushing Republicans to take up welfare reform. The Trump administration talked up an infrastructure bill. The party compromised by not mak-

ing a concerted effort on either.

In part, Republican inaction was a consequence of their tenuous hold on the Senate. When Democrat Doug Jones won a special election in Alabama, it knocked the Republican majority down to 51. The illness of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., made it an effective 50 for much of the year.

But Republicans are asking for voters to augment that majority now, and they still have an agenda. Take a look at Republican Senate candidates' websites. You will find many who pledge to vote against gun regulations. You won't find much by way of explanation of what legislation they would try to enact if they win their races. They have returned to vague calls to repeal and replace Obamacare. They're not touting any infrastructure plans.

Even on immigration, the Republican candidates don't have more than a sentence or two to say. Many of them attack "sanctuary cities" that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. But it's not at all clear the federal government can do anything about those local governments. Only a few of the candidates have been willing to endorse the more serious policy of requiring employers to check the legal status of new hires.

Candidates don't always run for office with detailed platforms, of course. The

Contract With America, a 1994 campaign manifesto from Republicans, was exceptional in committing almost all Republican congressional candidates to advancing specific pieces of legislation. (And even that commitment was limited: The promise was only to hold votes on them in the first days of the new Congress.)

There are multiple reasons for the empty Republican cupboard. Both the health care bill and the tax bill have convinced Republican politicians that legislating only gives the Democrats a target. They figure that the noise coming from the Trump White House would drown out any policy agenda. Many Republican voters seem more excited by inchoate cultural grievances than by anything related to public policy.

Then, too, there are the peculiar circumstances that led to the Trump presidency. The president exposed the lack of a political foundation for the old Republican agenda by beating a slew of Republicans who were better associated with it. But he did not replace that agenda with one of his own.

Not many Republican politicians have felt any need to come up with a creative synthesis of the party's pre-Trump principles and its Trumpian impulses. The result has been a party that is unsure of what it stands for even as it yields more formal

power than it has in decades.

Republicans might be able to expand their ranks in the Senate without campaigning to do anything in particular. Perhaps they will even hold a slimmed-down majority in the House. But they will find, as they found in early 2017, that it is difficult to get the party working together on an agenda without having built a consensus before the election.

I am tempted to say that there is something, if not anti-democratic, at least contrary to the spirit of good government, in a political party so thoroughly abandoning the notion that it will tell us in advance what it will do if it wins an election. If it did that, voters would be able to judge its program and casting their votes this time, and next time they would be able to look back and see how much of that program was achieved and with what results.

In the Republicans' limited defense, however, they are probably giving us an accurate picture of what they would accomplish legislatively if given the chance in 2019-20. If they win and do nothing, nobody will be able to call them on broken promises.

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## Student vets win too as court unchains Obama loan protection

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*Special to Stars and Stripes*

**H**undreds, perhaps thousands, of student veterans, despite having robust GI Bill education benefits, contend they were deceived into racking up federal loan debt through abusive practices of certain for-profit colleges.

On Tuesday those students, along with thousands of nonveterans, gained an easier path to loan forgiveness from a federal court ruling in Washington.

U.S. District Judge Randolph D. Moss dismissed legal arguments from an association of for-profit colleges, which succeeded for more than a year to block Obama administration rules to bring financial relief to defrauded student borrowers and to strengthen federal protections against deceptive school practices.

The Trump administration's Department of Education also had fought the Obama reforms until a month ago when the same judges rejected legal arguments from Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Trump administration attorneys.

In that case, two student-borrowers and a coalition of 19 states and the District of Columbia filed separate lawsuits to invalidate the department's stay order on Obama loan rules, which had been set to take effect in July 2017. Moss called the Trump team's effort to protect for-profit schools, and to avoid billions of dollars in loan forgiveness for borrowers, "arbitrary and capricious."

Together the dual rulings force DeVos—who is still critical of the Obama rules, saying they are too expansive—to implement them even as her department prepares more stringent regulations. Given the statutory schedule for rulemaking, the DeVos rules can't take effect before July 2020, the department confirmed. That creates a window for borrowers with loan debt tied to fraudulent or deceptive schools to apply for relief under more liberal rules in effect from the Oct. 16 court decision.

The department likely must update information on filing borrower defense claims. Find out what's available now at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/give/>.

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Obama's Education Department designed its rules to better protect student borrowers against misleading and predatory practices by postsecondary institutions; to clarify a process for federal loan forgiveness in cases of institutional misconduct; to allow group actions to replace thousands of individual loan forgiveness claims; and to hold for-profit colleges accountable for harmful practices.

The department decided its 20-year-old regulation on so-called "borrower defense claims" needed updating after a deluge of claims from students with federal loans following closure of a mega for-profit enterprise, Corinthian Colleges, in April 2015. The 1995 regulation, officials found, lacked detail on how students should submit and how the department should adjudicate a tsunami of loan relief requests. The old rule also limited eligibility for loan forgiveness to borrowers in default.

Obama officials released their final regulations in November 2016. They were to take effect the following July but the California Association of Postsecondary Schools filed a lawsuit to block them. A supportive DeVos quickly announced that she would block the Obama rules and prepare new ones to reflect concerns of for-profit schools and to protect taxpayers from automatic forgiveness of billions of dollars in federal student loans associated with failed for-profit colleges.

Consumer advocacy groups for students, including veterans, praised Moss' recent rulings.

"It's really positive news," said Walter Ochnio, research director for Veterans Education Success, an advocacy group formed to protect veterans and their education benefits from fraud and deceptive practices.

The Obama rule went into effect at noon Tuesday and is to be implemented immediately. "But the devil is in the details," Ochnio said. The judge didn't give the de-

partment detailed instructions on how to implement the many provisions.

"It's so easy for an administration that doesn't want to implement something not to do it," said Ochnio. "We'll just have to see how it plays out ... Advocacy groups will be watching very closely."

He contends the processing of borrower defense claims by the department "grounded to a halt" during the first half of Trump administration, a slowdown that can't entirely be blamed on having old rules in place. But Tuesday's court ruling creates "a window of opportunity that's going to last until July 2020 to apply for loan forgiveness under terms much more favorable to the student that [the DeVos alternative] had gone into effect."

The Department of Education has been criticized in the past for not doing enough to inform students about borrower defense claims. The number of student veterans who might be eligible isn't known, Ochnio said. The VES data base holds 4,000 complaints of deceptive practices by for-profits alternative had gone into effect."

"Certainly, many of those veterans will be eligible," he said. "How many have applied [already] I don't know."

As part of the Forever GI Bill law enacted in August 2017, veterans who used Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at for-profit schools that suddenly closed, leaving them with worthless credits or degrees, have seen those education benefits restored.

The new Education Department rules provide additional protections. One key feature of the Obama rules will allow certain borrower defense applicants not only to have loan balances forgiven but be reimbursed for loan amounts already paid. That might be relevant for someone like former Marine Sgt. Jonathan Ngowiak.

He enrolled in DeVry University in 2010 seeking a business degree. Ngowiak said he assumed his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit would cover all costs so he resisted a push from DeVry's financial aid office to complete a financial aid application. Finally, he relented when told it was a requirement for enrollment.

Soon, he received a \$5,000 check, which

a woman in DeVry's financial aid office said was grant money. "I kept telling her, 'I don't need the money,'" he said.

By his third semester he got a lender notice, and realized he was \$15,000 in debt with direct federal student loans. The money made life easier but he didn't need it for education costs, Ngowiak said, and ordered the loan arrangement stopped.

Ngowiak's theory is that DeVry wasn't confident, as the Post-9/11 GI Bill began, whether student payments would arrive on schedule. Perhaps to ensure steady cash flow it pushed student veterans into federal loans. DeVry in time helped Ngowiak with some debt, he said, but most of the \$15,000 he repaid himself.

Whether and how the new regulations might deliver more loan relief to a veteran like Ngowiak is still unclear, Ochnio said.

Many student veterans end up needing loans because they haven't served long enough on active duty to qualify for full Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. The loans become bad investments if for-profit schools close or don't provide promised degrees or transferable credits or if employers don't value the degrees as desirable.

One attorney for student plaintiffs who helped unleash the Obama rules, Adam R. Pulver, said an Obama change resisted by for-profit schools bans them from requiring students to accept arbitration in settling all complaints.

"It's been pretty much exclusive to for-profit schools that to enroll you have to sign an agreement to arbitrate all disputes," and the agreements often state that students "can't file a class action lawsuit," said Ochnio. "The problems of for-profit schools would have come to light a lot sooner had people been able to sue."

Another key feature of the Obama rules would require for-profit schools facing financial risk to show a letter of credit and to make cash deposits with the Education Department as they set off various financial responsibility alarms so taxpayers are not as deeply exposed by loan claims when for-profit schools fail.

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## WORLD

# China's economic growth slowing

BY JOE McDONALD  
Associated Press

BEIJING — China has reported that economic growth sank to a post-global crisis low as finance officials launched a media blitz Friday to shore up confidence in its sagging stock market.

Growth in the quarter that ended in September slipped to 6.5 percent over a year earlier from the previous quarter's 6.7 percent, official data showed. It was the slowest rate since early 2009.

The world's second-largest economy already was cooling before a tariff war between Beijing and President Donald Trump erupted.

Beijing tightened controls on lending last year to rein in a debt boom. That has weighed on housing sales and consumer spending. Car buyers are steering clear of dealerships.

Credit controls and trade tensions are "taking a bite out of economic momentum," Bill Adams, of PNC Financial Services Group, said in a report.

The impact of Trump's penalty tariffs of up to 25 percent on Chinese goods in a dispute over Bei-



A worker walks by a container ship docked at a port in Qingdao in east China's Shandong province on Oct. 12.

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jing's technology policy has been limited. But with the rest of their \$12 trillion-a-year economy slowing, the communist leadership has reversed course and ordered banks to lend.

"Downward pressure has increased," a government spokesman, Mao Shengyong, said at a news conference.

Officials led by China's economic czar, Vice Premier Liu He, tried

Friday to reassure investors about a stock market that has sagged 30 percent since January.

The decline is "creating good investment opportunities," Liu said in comments carried by the official Xinhua News Agency and business newspapers and websites.

"China's current economic fundamentals are good," the central bank's governor, Yi Gang,

said on its website.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index ended the day up 2.6 percent.

The government also said insur-

ers will be allowed to create products to help stabilize the market by reducing "liquidity risk."

That refers to fears lenders have that accepted stock as collateral for loans might

sell, flooding the market and driving a new price collapse.

Retail sales, factory output and investment in factories and equipment — bigger drivers of growth than exports — all weakened in the latest quarter.

The conflict with Washington

has prompted Chinese leaders to step up a marathon effort to encourage self-sustaining growth driven by domestic consumption and reduce reliance on exports and investment.

## Firefighter dies in southern Spain flooding

MADRID — Spanish authorities said a firefighter died while emergency services were responding to flooding caused by heavy rain in southern Spain.

Emergency services for the southern region of Andalusia said the firefighter went missing when his truck overturned on a flooded road during heavy rain overnight. His body was found after a search Sunday morning.

Television images show water flooding homes, streets and bridges in the southern province of Malaga.

## Woman who blocked deportation indicted

BERLIN — Swedish prosecutors say they have indicted a woman, 21, for breaking aviation laws after she blocked the deportation of an Afghan asylum-seeker earlier this year.

Prosecutors said Friday the woman failed to comply with orders from the plane's crew to sit down as it was preparing to take off from the airport in Gothenburg on July 23. The woman, Elin Ersson, had intentionally purchased a ticket for the flight, saying the Afghan man would "most likely get killed" if he was sent home.

Ersson live-streamed her protest to Facebook from inside the Turkish Airlines plane that was due to fly to Istanbul and then on to the Afghan capital of Kabul. The man and Ersson were eventually both removed from the plane after a tense standoff.

## Ferry collides with yacht, runs aground

LONDON — A ferry collided with at least two yachts and ran aground while trying to berth at a pier on the Isle of Wight off southern England.

The ferry company, Red Funnel, said the ferry is "aground but is watertight." The coast guard said 56 passengers on board were safe and well, but lifeboats were searching the area after a member of the public reported hearing cries for help at the harbor.

The company said the ferry was sailing from Southampton to East Cowes and was trying to berth at Cowes Harbor in dense fog Sunday morning when it collided with "several small yachts."

## Court tosses outgoing president's petition

MALE, Maldives — The Maldives' top court on Sunday dismissed the outgoing president's petition seeking an annulment of last month's presidential election result.

The five-member Supreme Court ruled that the election was conducted within the law. No other details were immediately known.

The election commission had declared opposition alliance candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih the winner of the Sept. 23 election against President Yameen Abdul Gayoom.

Yameen's party challenged the result, alleging vote rigging, fraud and corruption in the election process.

From The Associated Press

## Rebels kill 13, abduct kids in Ebola outbreak region

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Congolese rebels killed 13 civilians and abducted a dozen children in an attack at the center of the latest deadly Ebola outbreak, Congo's military said Sunday, as the violence threatened to again force the suspension of crucial virus containment efforts.

The Allied Democratic Forces rebels attacked Congolese army positions and several neighborhoods in Beni on Saturday and into Sunday, Capt. Mak Hazukay Mongha told The Associated Press. The U.N. peacekeeping mission said its troops exchanged fire with rebels on Saturday in the Mayangose area of Beni dur-

ing an attack on civilians.

Angry over the killings, Beni residents on Sunday morning carried four of the bodies to the town hall, where police dispersed the residents with tear gas. Vehicles of aid organizations and the peacekeeping mission were stoned, the U.N.-backed Radio Okapi reported.

The ADF rebels have killed hundreds of civilians in recent years and are just one of several rebel groups active in Congo's far northeast.

Late last month, Ebola outbreak containment efforts were suspended for days in Beni after a deadly attack, complicating work to find and track suspected

contacts of infected people. Since then, many of the new confirmed Ebola cases have been reported in Beni as the rate of new cases overall has more than doubled, alarming aid groups.

The latest attack comes after two medical agents with the Congolese army were shot dead — the first time health workers have been killed by rebels in this Ebola outbreak.

It is a "dark day" for everyone fighting the deadly virus, Congo's health minister said late Saturday while announcing the deaths.

Mai Mai rebels surged from the forest and opened fire on the unarmed agents with the army's rapid intervention medical unit at

an entrance to Butembo city, the health ministry said.

The daytime attack appeared premeditated, with civilians present left unharmed, the statement said. The medical agents had been placed in "dangerous zones" to assist national border health officials.

Confirmed Ebola cases have now reached 200, including 117 deaths.

Health workers in this outbreak, which was declared on Aug. 1, have described hearing gunshots daily, operating under the armed escort of U.N. peacekeepers or Congolese security forces and having to end work by sundown to lower the risk of attack.

## Bishops' debate on hot-button issues includes gay inclusion

BY NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Catholic bishops are entering their final week of debate over hot-button issues facing young Catholics, including how the church should welcome gays and respond to the clerical sex abuse scandal that has discredited many in the church hierarchy.

The monthlong synod of bishops ends Saturday with the adoption by the 260-plus cardinals, bishops and priests of a final document and approval of a separate, shorter letter to the world's Catholic youth.

Some of the youth delegates to the meeting have insisted that the final document express an inclu-

sive message to make LGBT Catholics feel welcome in a church that has often shunned them.

The Vatican took a step in that direction by making a reference to "LGBTI" for the first time in its preparatory document heading into the meeting.

But some bishops have balked at the notion, including Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput, who insisted in his speech that "there is no such thing as an 'LGBTQ Catholic' or a 'transgender Catholic' or a 'heterosexual Catholic,' as if our sexual appetites defined who we are."

But other bishops have expressed a willingness to use the language, though it remains to be seen if the final document or the



GREGORIO BORGIA/AP

Peruvian faithful arrive in St. Peter's Square on Sunday carrying an icon of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus prior to the start of Pope Francis' noon prayer at the Vatican.

letter will.

Each paragraph will be voted

on one by one and must obtain a two-thirds majority.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man digs, gets stuck in muddy hole, is rescued

**NY** DIX HILLS — A water-tightening worker who got mired in mud in an 8-foot-deep hole is safe after rescue workers used a harness-and-pulley system to rescue him.

Authorities said Trevor Borders, 22, got trapped about 10:30 a.m. Friday at a residential property in Dix Hills, on Long Island.

Borders dug the hole to get access to the home's basement. Then he started to sink. Authorities said he tried to free himself but couldn't and found himself trapped in mud up to his waist.

About 50 rescuers from local fire departments and emergency agencies came to Borders' aid. He was freed about 1 p.m.

## Jury rules woman kept food from young son

**TX** FORT WORTH — A jury convicted a North Texas woman of attempted murder for withholding food and nutrients from her young son in a case prosecutors say included subjecting the child to needless surgeries.

The Tarrant County jury Friday also found Danita Tutt, 42, of Cleburne, guilty of causing injury to a child. She was acquitted on two other counts of injury to a child.

Prosecutors say Tutt lied to doctors about her son's symptoms, resulting in the boy, now 13, undergoing unnecessary gastrostomy surgery and other procedures.

Child Protective Services removed the boy and his younger brother from their home in 2016.

## Suit: Worker fired after heavy corpse fell on her

**OR** PORTLAND — A Portland cremation worker who says she was sexually harassed and fired after reporting she sustained a back injury when a heavy corpse fell on her has filed a lawsuit seeking \$900,000.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that the sex discrimination and workers compensation discrimination lawsuit was filed Thursday in Multnomah County Circuit Court against Portland Cremation Center.

Court documents say the woman and a co-worker in August were carrying a heavy corpse up a narrow flight of stairs when the corpse fell and pinned the woman against a wall. The lawsuit says she reported the injury and was fired the next day.

The lawsuit also says the woman's supervisors created a sexually hostile workplace that included grabbing her breasts.

## Workers take deep dive into deep doo to fix clog

**SC** CHARLESTON — Divers spent two days deep inside a South Carolina sewer, pulling out huge balls of oily, black, used wet wipes and baby wipes that had clogged intake pumps.

The Charleston Water System posted pictures of the masses of

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and dog do in the field.

The number of Labrador retrievers from all over the country that descended on Douglas County in Oregon last week for the largest retriever competition in the U.S. The News-Review reported that the only state not represented among those attending this year's Master National AKC competition was Hawaii. The event, hosted by the Umpqua Valley Retriever's Club, opened Thursday and the competition began Saturday at different places around Roseburg. The dogs simulate what a hunter



JAMES POULSON, THE DAILY SITKA (ALASKA) SENTINEL/AP

## A Sitka celebration

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Sitka crewmen march on Lincoln Street in Sitka, Alaska, on Thursday as two Jayhawk helicopters fly over St. Michael's Orthodox Cathedral. The parade was part of the weeklong Alaska Day festival celebrated in Sitka, the site of the 1867 ceremony where Alaska land claims were transferred from Russia to the United States.

wipes on its Twitter account. It reminded people that only human waste and toilet tissue should be flushed. The cloth wipes need to be thrown away because they don't break down in water.

The system had to send the divers nearly 100 feet into a sewer well after the wipes, congealed by grease and other items sent into the pipes, clogged the suction intakes pump to the Plum Island Wastewater Treatment Center on James Island.

## Woman hopes to solve mystery of class ring

**MN** ROCHESTER — A Minnesota woman is trying to solve the mystery of a 1955 class ring found along a gravel road near Sergeant in Mower County.

The Post Bulletin reported that Barb Nelson spotted the ring in 1973 while riding a horse over to her neighbor's house. After initially failing to track down the

ring's owner, she set it aside in a jewelry box. Nelson recently came across the ring again and is hoping to find answers.

Nelson said the ring is made for a woman and is about a size 6. She said the ring includes the initials G.S. It is from Hammond High School and dated 1955.

While there's a town named Hammond in Minnesota, there's no Hammond High School in the state.



## Giant inflatable colon stolen from pickup bed

**KS** KANSAS CITY — Someone has snatched a giant, inflatable colon used to teach about the dangers of colon cancer.

The University of Kansas Cancer Center said Friday in a news release that it was stolen from a pickup bed in Brookside.

The inflatable colon is 10 feet long, weighs 150 pounds and is valued at \$4,000. It is owned by the Cancer Coalition.

## Female lion kills her longtime mate at zoo

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Zoo said a lion died in a fight with another lion.

The zoo said Friday that an adult female, Zuri, attacked 10-year-old male Nyack in their outdoor yard Oct. 15 before the zoo opened for the day.

The zoo said the two had been housed together for eight years and produced three cubs in 2015. Nyack was on loan from the San Diego Zoo.

It said staff heard an unusual amount of roaring from the yard and tried to separate the two, but Zuri held Nyack by the neck until he stopped moving. The zoo said daily logs kept by staff showed no unusual aggression, injuries or wounds between the two.

## Plane makes emergency landing on freeway

**CA** EL CAJON — A small plane with a student pilot on board made an emergency landing in the middle of traffic on a Southern California freeway.

The California Highway Patrol said the plane landed safely in the westbound lanes of Interstate 8 in El Cajon on Friday morning after reporting engine trouble.

Authorities said the single-engine Piper was carrying a pilot, 25, and a student, 36. The CHP said the instructor landed the plane. Video taken by a motorist on the freeway shows the plane gliding down between cars and rolling along two lanes.

## Debris on beach from SpaceX rocket

**NC** OCRAKOCHE ISLAND — A large sheet of metal found on a North Carolina beach has been identified as debris from a SpaceX rocket.

The National Park Service told The Charlotte Observer that Elon Musk's rocket building company confirmed the 10-foot-by-6-foot debris found Oct. 14 was "rocket hardware." Chief Ranger Boone Vanduzza, of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, said it's "being handled appropriately."

From wire reports

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## Feeling neighborly

Cedric the Entertainer plays Calvin Butler on the "The Neighborhood." He's also co-executive producer. The sitcom — about gentrification in a Los Angeles neighborhood — airs Mondays on AFN-Pulse.

### 'Halloween' producer Jason Blum apologizes for dismissing female horror directors

"Halloween" producer Jason Blum is apologizing for off-target comments he made about his company's failure to hire female directors for its signature horror genre — and his perception of their unavailability — in a recent magazine interview.

Blum seemed "jolted" when asked about Blumhouse Productions' failure to hire any female directors since its creation in 2006, Polygon writer Matt Patches wrote in an article published Oct. 17.

"We're always trying to [do] that," Blum said. "We're not trying to do it because of recent events. We've always been trying."

The producer then called an assistant to try to help him remember the name of another woman he said he'd met with "a bunch of times" on a movie the company is working on with Sony Pictures. No luck there.

"There are not a lot of female directors around, and even less who are inclined to do horror. I'm a massive admirer of ['The Babadook' director] Jennifer Kent," he continued. "I've offered her every movie we had available. She's turned my down every time."

"Thank you everyone for calling me out on my dumb comments in that interview. I made a stupid mistake. I spoke too quickly about a serious issue — an issue I am passionate about," the producer tweeted late Oct. 17.

He noted that more than half of the audience, as well as more than half of his company's execs, are women, and acknowledged that women have anchored many of Blumhouse's most successful franchises.

"[W]e have not done a good enough job working with female directors and it is not because they don't exist. I heard from many today. The way my passion came out was dumb. And for that I am sorry. I will do better."

Or maybe he should revisit a piece of advice he gave aspiring producers in a 2011 interview with The Times: "Don't keep your eye on what gets you the most money," he said. "Keep your eye on what gets your movie made."

### Other news

■ The Tony Awards are getting ready for their 2019 ceremony. Announced Oct. 18, the 73rd annual awards show, celebrating the best of the Broadway season, will take place on June 9, 2019. It will again be broadcast live from Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

■ Lena Dunham is shutting down her online feminist newsletter. The author and creator of "Girls" announced Oct. 19 that the publication she co-founded three years ago, Lenny, had reached its "final chapter." In a message to readers, Dunham wrote that there was "no one reason" for the decision and said she was proud that Lenny had provided a forum for "new voices." The message was also signed by Lenny co-founder Jenni Konner and editorial director Molly Elizalde.

■ Bette Midler and Brooke Shields are among the guest stars dropping in on CBS' "Murphy Brown" revival. Midler was on the original sitcom as Caprice, one of many difficult, short-tempered secretaries to Candice Bergen's Murphy. The episode with Midler also features Katie Couric playing herself and former "Night Court" star John Larroquette as a judge.

■ Supermodel Karlie Kloss has married businessman Joshua Kushner. Kloss posted a photo of her in a wedding dress and Kushner in a tuxedo — both of them beaming — on Instagram and Twitter on Oct. 18. People magazine reports the couple married at a small ceremony in upstate New York and will have a larger ceremony in the spring. Kloss has modeled for Victoria Secret and numerous luxury brands, and will be the new host of "Project Runway."

From wire reports

## Cedric the Entertainer talks 'The Neighborhood,' gentrification, more

BY JOSEPH V. AMODIO/Newsday

**O**n his new sitcom, Cedric the Entertainer wants to show how you can raise a serious subject, like gentrification, yet still poke fun at it.

"The Neighborhood," airing Mondays on AFN-Pulse, stars Cedric (who also co-executive produces) and Tichina Arnold as Calvin and Tina Butler, longtime residents of a black neighborhood in Los Angeles, which shows signs of changing when a relentlessly cheery, white Midwestern cou-

"The Neighborhood" takes on contemporary subject matter, but still feels old-school. What classic sitcom characters inspired the series?

Characters we grew up on, who were both lovable and polarizing — and who we still talk about to this day, be it Archie Bunker, George Jefferson, Redd Foxx on "Sanford & Son." Characters that were free to have a specific point-of-view. And you get to see these characters grow. You think, "Wow, I can't believe he says that." Yet ... he's a bit endearing. So those were the things I thought would be important. And with this character, we're flipping it on its head — it's the African-American guy who's stuck in his ways.

**It's a delicate balance — tackling a serious subject, yet keeping it light.**

That's the main thing. Jim Reynolds and myself, as we partnered up, we decided we wanted to show opinion — then the other character's opinion — and ... let's not claim to be right. That keeps us from being too preachy. And it allows us to push toward lines, yet at the same time look for the funny that can spark the real conversation. As opposed to the belief that we're smart enough to have that conversation for everyone.

**What's your own experience with gentrification?**

For me, the real thing happened with my kids' godparents here in Los Angeles. They're kinda in the Ladera Heights area ... Not too long ago, you started seeing people out jogging late at night. You know, white people. With their families and strollers. You see the subway system move in. And so you start to say, "OK, this is interesting." St. Louis, where I'm from, was always racially divided. It hasn't changed much. Blacks pretty much stay on the North Side, whites stay on the South, and there's very little mixture either way.

I've got to say, I was drawn to your show because I've lived

ple (Max Greenfield and Beth Behrs) and their son move next door. Calvin's wary of how the local culture will change, and airs his views — gruffly, and often — calling to mind Archie Bunker and other crotchety, obstinate sitcom characters of old.

Cedric (born Cedric Kyles), 54, is busy these days, juggling films — from comedies ("Barbershop," "The Original Kings of Comedy") to indie dramas ("First Reformed") — plus TV (he's also a regular on Tracy Morgan's "The Last O.G.") and stand-up comedy tours. He spoke by phone.

**I moved to Harlem years ago when there weren't very many white people there. I loved all the old mom-and-pop shops, the jazz clubs. I hate seeing them disappear, so I get how frustrated your character, Calvin, must be.**

That's great. That's the position we want to be in. We know when you pick a home and you like a place and it's affordable for you, it's not necessarily a choice that says, "I'm leading the charge — here I come, guys, and I'm about to open up the door for everyone else." It's this unintentional thing. As the show grows, we don't want to harp on the fact that it's black and white ... won't always be the defining point of what these people are dealing with. These are just two people who have to be neighbors.

**What's your advice for people like me, who may bring change unintentionally?**

You have to live in your truth. Be authentic. Be respectful of the neighborhood and the circumstances. Hear people out. You have to be in the mix and be a part of the neighborhood.

**One last thing — I hear you're still doing stand-up gigs, even while shooting this new series. How do you have the energy?**

Man, I'm a junkie for entertainment. We rehearse here. I jump on a plane tonight, perform in Mississippi tomorrow night, hop on a plane and fly back home Sunday, and hang out with the family. Then I'll be back at work Monday. It's just what I do, man.

**And you can still focus?**

Yeah, I got my jet lag down. I can sleep on a plane like it's a Sleep Number bed.

**Well, I guess it's better to be too busy than not, right?**

I always say — I'm just better lookin' at it than lookin' for it.

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# US stocks wobble after another shaky week

By MARLEY JAY

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — U.S. stocks gave up an early rally Friday and struggled to another mixed finish as investors continued to sell former favorites like retailers. Household goods makers rose again as a week of choppy trading concluded.

Stocks surged in early trading after better-than-expected reports from companies including Procter & Gamble, American Express and PayPal. Procter & Gamble, the world's largest consumer products maker, had its biggest rally in 10 years. But the gains for indexes faded after a report showed U.S. home sales fell for the sixth month in a row. That hurt smaller and more U.S.-focused companies.

The market settled back into its usual pattern from the last two weeks, as companies that depend on economic growth struggled and those with more "defensive" qualities such as high dividends did better, a sign investors are worried about a few threats to growth: rising interest rates, trade tensions between the U.S. and China, and last week, some sluggish reports about housing construction and sales.

"We don't see too many other yellow or red flags right now, but (housing) is certainly one of them," said Moni Mahajan, U.S. investment strategist for Allianz Global Investors.

Mahajan said company earnings aren't doing much for the stock market right now because investors know the next two quarters should be strong, and they're concerned that growth in 2019 will be worse than expected.

The S&P 500 index lost 1 point to 2,767.78. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gave up most of an



RICHARD DREW/AP

**Trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday. Strong earnings are sending U.S. stocks higher at the end of a choppy week of trading.**

early gain. It jumped as much as 229 points early on but finished 64.89 points higher, or 0.3 percent, at 25,444.34.

Tuesday was the best gain in six months for U.S. stocks, but the S&P 500 fell every other day last week and ended the week up just 0.02 percent. That was good enough to end a three-week run of losses, but most of the market's recent gains have been swiftly followed by declines.

The S&P 500 hasn't risen two days in a row since Sept. 20. It finished at a record high that day, which was the last in a three-day string of gains. The benchmark index is down 5.6 percent since then.

The Nasdaq composite sagged 36.11 points, or 0.5 percent, to 7,449.03. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 18.71 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,542.04. The Russell 2000 is at its lowest in almost six months as investors worry that the U.S. economy could slow and interest rates could rise, a bigger challenge for smaller companies.

Procter & Gamble, which makes Tide, Pampers and Gillette razors, soared 8.8 percent to \$87.30 after reporting that sales of fabric and home care products rose in its latest quarter while beauty products revenue jumped 20 percent.

Other household goods compa-

nies also rose. Pepsi gained 2.2 percent to \$110.29 and Coca-Cola added 1.6 percent to \$46.33. Electric utility Duke Energy rose 1.8 percent to \$82.75.

Aerospace and building components maker Honeywell posted a bigger profit than analysts expected but said it is seeing more signs of inflation in its business as a result of the tariffs the U.S. and China have placed on imported goods. Industrial companies have skidded recently as investors worried about the results of those trade tensions.

Bond prices slipped. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.19 percent from 3.17 percent. China said economic growth

sank to a post-financial crisis low of 6.5 percent in the third quarter. Chinese finance officials launched a media blitz to shore up confidence in the country's sagging stock market.

China's economy has gradually slowed for years, even before a trade dispute between Beijing and President Donald Trump led to higher tariffs. The Chinese government tightened controls on lending last year to rein in a debt boom, but that, too, has affected the economy.

## EXCHANGE RATES

### Military rates

Euro costs (Oct. 22)	\$1.1765
Dollar buys (Oct. 22)	\$0.83
Dollar sells (Oct. 22)	\$0.84
Japanese yen (Oct. 22)	\$11.00
South Korean won (Oct. 22)	\$1.107.00

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British (Pound)	\$1.3954
Canada (Dollar)	\$0.9988
China (Yuan)	6.3281
Denmark (Krone)	6.4931
Egypt (Pound)	17.575
France (Euro)	\$1.1491
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8404
Hungary (Forint)	281.41
Iceland (Krona)	3.5735
Japan (Yen)	112.55
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3033
Lithuania (Litas)	8.2264
Philippines (Peso)	53.68
Poland (Zloty)	3.74
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Switzerland (Franc)	1.3768
South Korea (Won)	1,130.19
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9956
Thailand (Baht)	3.7
Turkey (Lira)	5.6465

(Military exchange rates are those used by the military and banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United States. For most currencies, there are two exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local currency trading bank. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to U.S. dollars, except for Japan, which is represented in dollars-to-pounds, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	2.18
3-month bill	.35
30-year bond	3.38

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### MONDAY IN EUROPE



### TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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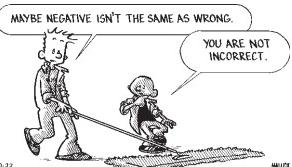
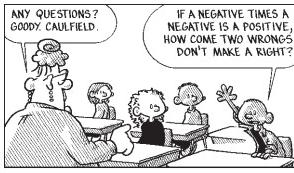
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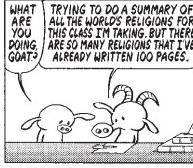
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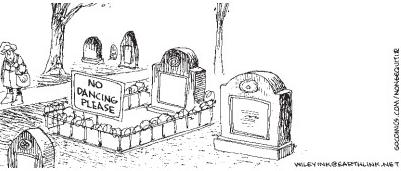
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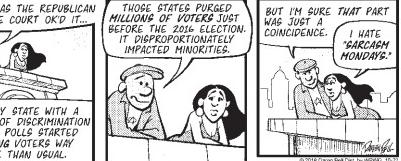
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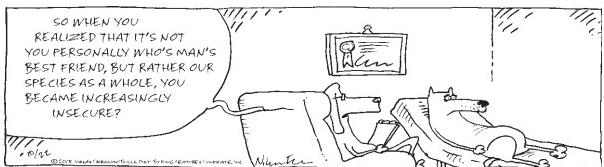
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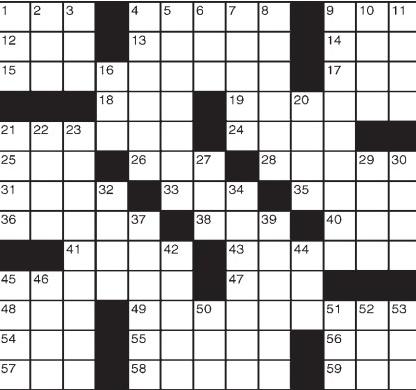


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Bizarro

## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 "Nova" airer
- 4 Fawned (on)
- 9 Small ammo
- 12 Satisfied sigh
- 13 Dodge
- 14 Exist
- 15 Regarding low temperatures
- 17 Aunt, in
- 18 Bruins legend
- 19 Poseidon's son
- 21 Curved
- 24 Satan's domain
- 25 Debussey's "La —"
- 26 Aachen article
- 28 Put in office
- 31 Adams and Irving
- 33 Mil. group
- 35 Cicatrix
- 36 Bridge abstention
- 38 Knee protector
- 40 "King Kong" studio
- 41 Together, in music
- 43 Answer to "Are we there?"
- 45 Actor De Niro
- 47 Former Delta rival

### DOWN

- 1 Lobbying org.
- 2 Saloon
- 3 Bashful
- 4 Academic goal
- 5 Went too far
- 6 Light brown
- 7 Author Wharton
- 8 Edict
- 9 Leon Uris novel
- 10 Vivacity
- 11 Writer O'Casey

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	P	G	S	T	O	A	A	P	E	R
I	O	U	R	D	D	U	D	E	L	E
S	S	R	B	I	O	S	O	R	E	S
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S Z Y L R H L A   Y O   Q L R   J W D Q M H L A  
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R S Q U Q W H X   D L W D S W Q H L U D L W :  
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I LIKE TO THINK THAT IF A FAMOUS AMERICAN DUELIST HAD BEEN REINCARNATED AS A DONKEY, HE'D BE AARON BURRO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals R

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# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

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## Auto racing

### Kansas Lottery 300

#### Saturday

At Kansas Speedway

Kansas City, Kan.

Lap length: 1.50 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Matt Hattori, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 41.

2. (1) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 54.

3. (11) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 47.

4. (8) Shane Lee, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 45.

5. (7) Kyle Reddick, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 45.

6. (9) Matt Tifft, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 41.

7. (1) Matt Feherty, Ford, 199, 0, 54.

8. (18) Ty Majeski, Ford, 200, 0, 33.

9. (19) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 199, 0, 30.

10. (20) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 199, 0, 27.

11. (14) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, 198, 0, 29.

12. (27) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 197, 0, 25.

13. (23) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 196, 0, 25.

14. (31) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 196, 0, 23.

15. (20) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 195, 0, 23.

16. (33) Chad Finchum, Chevrolet, 195, 0, 21.

17. (19) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 199, 0, 30.

18. (32) Jay Hunter Avila, Chevrolet, 193, 0, 19.

19. (35) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 192, 0, 18.

20. (37) Joey Logano, Toyota, 191, 0, 17.

21. (7) Ryan Preece, Toyota, 189, 0, 24.

22. (36) Winnie Miller, Chevrolet, 189, 0, 15.

23. (29) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 189, 0, 14.

24. (28) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 187, 0, 13.

25. (22) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 182, 0, 12.

26. (10) Cole Custer, Ford, 181, 0, 11.

27. (30) Bobby Labard, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 133, 0, 10.

28. (38) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 129, 0, 9.

29. (39) Angela Rutherford, Chevrolet, oil leak, 98, 0, 8.

30. (23) Chase Briscoe, Ford, suspension, 79, 0, 7.

31. (25) Timmy Hill, Dodge, vibration, 54, 0, 6.

32. (24) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, garage, 26, 0, 5.

33. (17) Ryan Preece, Gallagher, Chevrolet, accident, 0, 4.

34. (26) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, rear gear, 16, 0, 3.

35. (21) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, brakes, 16, 0, 2.

36. (5) Brandon Jones, Toyota, accident, 16, 0, 1.

37. (3) Christopher Bell, Toyota, accident, 2, 0, 1.

38. (3) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, accident, 1, 0, 1.

39. (4) Austin Cindric, Ford, accident, 0, 0, 1.

40. (15) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, accident, 0, 0, 1.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner:

119.98 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 31 minutes, 16 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 5.200 seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 1 laps.

Lead Changes: 10 among 6 drivers.

Laps Won: 300 by Matt Hattori, 46; William H. 49-50; D.Hemric, 51-59; J.Nemechek, 60-63; D.Hemric, 94-149; T.Reddick, 150-151; D.Hemric, 152-165; M.Tifft, 166-170; E.Sadler, 171-180; D.Hemric, 170-171; J.Nemechek, 171-200.

Leadership Summary (Driver, Time Won):

Laps Lead: E.Sadler, 100 for 122 laps; J.Nemechek, 2 times for 62 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 1 lap; E.Sadler, 1 time for 1 lap; T.Reddick, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Williams, 1 time for 1 lap.

Wins: C.Bell, 6; J.Algaier, 5; S.Briscoe, 4; T.Custer, 3; A.Cindric, 2; E.Sadler, 1; J.Nemechek, 1; P.Roach, 1; T.Reddick, 1.

Top 10 in Points: 1. D.Hemric, 3068.

2. E.Sadler, 3000.

3. E.Sadler, 3000.

4. T.Reddick, 2044.

5. D.Hemric, 2044.

6. T.Custer, 2022; 8. A.Cindric, 2002.

7. R.Chastain, 2115; 8. R.Reed, 2116.

8. T.Custer, 2022.

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The race combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lap, Total Lap Average Speed, Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lap Finish.

RESULTS: Driver, Time Won

RESULTS: Team, Points

RESULTS: Individual, Points

RESULTS: Team, Points

## MLB PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES  
(Best-of-7)

	Boston	Boston
Houston 7, Boston 2		
Boston 7, Houston 5		
Boston 7, Houston 2		
Boston 8, Houston 6		
Boston 4, Houston 1		
<b>Saturday: Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 1</b>		
<b>WORLD SERIES</b>		
(Best-of-7, x-if necessary)		
Los Angeles 5, Boston 2		
<b>Saturday: Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 1</b>		

## WORLD SERIES

## (Best-of-7, x-if necessary)

Los Angeles 5, Boston 2

Tuesday: at Boston

Wednesday: at Boston

Friday: at Boston

Saturday, Oct. 27: at Los Angeles

x-Sunday, Oct. 28: at Los Angeles

x-Monday, Oct. 29: at Boston

x-Wednesday, Oct. 31: at Boston

## Saturday

## Dodgers 5, Brewers 1

Los Angeles

Milwaukee

TBD

## NHL

## Roundup

# Skinner scores 3, Sabres top Kings

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Jeff Skinner scored three goals for his fifth career hat trick and the Buffalo Sabres' reconfigured top line keyed a 5-1 win over the Los Angeles Kings on Saturday.

Jason Pominville had a goal and two assists for his 700th career point, and Jack Eichel added three assists after Sabres coach Phil Housley shuffled his lines in an effort to revive an offense that was held to one goal in three of the past four games.

Zach Bogosian also scored and Linus Ullmark made 19 saves for Buffalo.

Drew Doughty had a goal and Jonathan Quick made 21 saves for the Kings, who lost their fourth straight game. Quick has allowed 10 goals or 54 shots in two starts since returning from a lower-body injury.

**Avalanche 3, Hurricanes 1:** Gabriel Landeskog scored twice to give him six goals in three games, Nathan MacKinnon added a goal and two assists and Colorado won at Carolina.

**Flyers 5, Devils 2:** Jake Voracek had a goal and had two assists, and Philadelphia played some solid defense to beat visiting New Jersey. Voracek, who was demoted from the Flyers' top line, took a loose puck at center ice and kept it himself on a 2-on-1 breakaway, beating Keith Kinkaid for his third goal of the season to put the Flyers ahead 3-2 with 3:10 remaining.

**Jets 5, Coyotes 3:** Three Jets scored their first goals of the season, defenseman Jacob Trouba had three assists and Winnipeg beat visiting Arizona.

Tyler Myers, Josh Morrissey and Mathieu Perreault each found the net for the first time.

**Blackhawks 4, Blue Jackets 1:** Patrick Kane had two goals and an assist, Corey Crawford stopped 37 shots to get his first win in nearly 10 months, and Chicago won at Columbus. Alex DeBrincat and Marcus Kruger also scored for the Blackhawks, who earned a point for the sixth time in seven games (4-1-2).

**Blues 4, Maple Leafs 1:** Ryan O'Reilly scored his first goal with St. Louis, and Jake Allen made 22 saves to lead the Blues over visiting Toronto.

Robert Bortuzzo, Zach Sanford and Ivan Barbashev also scored, and David Perron added two assists as St. Louis picked up its second victory in seven games.

**Red Wings 4, Panthers 3:** Gustav Nyquist scored 3:44 into overtime to lift visiting Detroit to its first win of the season.

Dennis Cholowski had a goal and an assist, and Thomas Vanek and Dylan Larkin also scored for the Red Wings.



JOHN WOODS, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**The Jets' Jack Roslovic (28), Mathieu Perreault (85) and Josh Morrissey (44) celebrate Perreault's winning goal against the Coyotes on Saturday in Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

**Senators 4, Canadiens 3 (OT):** Mark Stone scored his second goal of the game 2:30 into overtime and Ottawa rallied from a two-goal deficit over visiting Montreal.

**Wild 5, Lightning 4 (OT):** Mikael Granlund scored 3:43 into overtime to lead host Minnesota.

Charlie Coyle, Marcus Foligno,

Zach Parise and Jason Zucker all scored in regulation as the Wild rallied again in the third period.

Alex Stalock made 27 saves for Minnesota, which has allowed the first goal in six games in a row.

**Canucks 2, Bruins 1 (OT):** Bo Horvat scored at 3:12 of overtime and Vancouver edged visiting Boston. Brandon Sutter scored for the Canucks in regulation, and Joakim Nordstrom scored for the Bruins. Canucks goalie Jacob Markstrom stopped 30 shots.

**Predators 3, Oilers 0:** Juuse Saros made 51 saves in the shutout and Nashville ran its winning streak to five games over visiting Edmonton. P.K. Subban, Viktor Arvidsson and Roman Josi scored for the Predators, who are a perfect 4-0-0 on the road.

**Golden Knights 3, Ducks 1:** Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 17 shots to lead the hot Golden Knights to their third consecutive win. Fleury got his 40th career win to move into sole possession of 10th place on the NHL's all-time wins list.

**Sharks 4, Islanders 1:** Brent Burns scored San Jose's first goal from a defenseman this season and Logan Couture scored his fourth goal in two games to lead the host Sharks.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

	Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Toronto	9	6	3	0	12	34	30
Montreal	7	4	3	1	12	20	19
Boston	8	4	4	2	10	22	22
Tampa Bay	7	4	4	1	9	22	15
Ottawa	6	4	4	2	10	20	20
Philadelphia	8	4	4	2	10	21	25
Florida	8	1	5	2	4	19	36
Detroit	7	2	4	1	9	18	24

### Metropolitan Division

	Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	34	30
Philadelphia	7	4	3	1	12	20	19
Carolina	6	4	2	0	8	22	14
Pittsburgh	6	3	3	1	7	18	20
Washington	7	3	4	2	8	29	28
Philadelphia	8	4	4	0	10	30	33
N.Y. Islanders	7	2	4	1	9	18	24
N.Y. Rangers	7	2	4	1	9	18	24

### Western Conference

	Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Nashville	8	7	1	0	14	27	15
Colorado	8	5	3	1	12	29	19
Chicago	9	4	4	1	10	27	26
Minnesota	8	4	4	2	10	22	22
St. Louis	7	2	5	2	6	21	24

### Pacific Division

	Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Anaheim	8	5	3	0	12	22	18
Vancouver	8	4	4	1	10	25	24
San Jose	8	4	4	1	9	26	21
Edmonton	6	3	3	0	7	19	22
Los Angeles	7	2	5	1	6	19	28

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for an overtime win. Ties are awarded to both teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

### Fridays 5, Devils 2

	New Jersey Devils						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	34	30

### Flyers 5, Devils 2

	Philadelphia Flyers						
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### Flyers 5

## NFL

# Titans' late rally falls short against Chargers

Tennessee fails on go-ahead two-point conversion twice with 31 seconds remaining

By ZAC BOYER  
Associated Press

LONDON — Philip Rivers threw for 306 yards with two touchdown passes and the Los Angeles Chargers held on for a 20-19 victory on Sunday in London after the Tennessee Titans failed twice on a go-ahead two-point conversion with 31 seconds remaining.

Marcus Mariota completed 24 of 32 passes for 237 yards and a touchdown for the

Titans (3-4), throwing a 1-yard completion to tight end Luke Stocker on fourth down to pull within one after a review determined the quarterback was down as he ran for the end zone on the previous play.

The Titans then twice tried to go for the two-pointer and the win, with Mariota's first attempt, a pass intended for Tajae Sharp, negated by a defensive holding call on the Chargers' Casey Hayward and his second, to Taywan Taylor, tipped by safety Anthony Phillips.

The Chargers (5-2) won their fourth consecutive game despite the absence of Melvin Gordon, their starting running back, because of a hamstring injury.

Gordon entered the game third in the NFL in rushing with 460 yards and had scored a total of nine touchdowns this season.

Austin Ekeler, in his second season, earned his first start in Gordon's place and ran for 42 yards on 12 carries, but it was Rivers — who completed 19 of 26 passes — that shouldered the burden for the Chargers.

Rivers answered Ryan Succop's opening

## Beckham doesn't like losing, questions on owner or H2O

By TOM CANAVAN  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — There are a lot of things Odell Beckham Jr. doesn't like these days.

It starts off with losing and the New York Giants' 1-5 record. He doesn't like the continual questions about his recent ESPN interview in which he criticized the team's energy on the field and its offensive schemes.

New York Giants co-owner John Mara, saying earlier this week the NFL's highest-paid receiver needs to make more headlines on the field than off didn't draw much of a response.

And there's one more thing. Despite cramping in two of the last three games and needing IVs, Beckham isn't a big fan of water.

Go figure?

Beckham hit all those topics Friday before the Giants practiced for Monday night's game in Atlanta against the banged-up Falcons (2-4).

The hot topic was Beckham's reaction to Mara's criticism. It was the first time the owner had spoken

publicly since Beckham's ill-advised comments in an interview before a game against Carolina on Oct. 7.

"I respect and value his opinion, obviously, so that's what we're going to do," said Beckham, who added he has not spoken to Mara specifically about the owner's comments. "Like I said, focus on Atlanta right now and that's really it."

Beckham said biggest concern was the Giants' record and what he and his teammates could do to change things.

"We need to start winning games and everybody needs to pick it up," Beckham said. "I need to play better ... Everybody's got to pick it up. We win games together, we lose them together. There's no other way around it. It's a team sport."

The Giants have had 11 days to prepare for the Falcons and Beckham used some of the time to take a step back and clear his head. He's back in football mode.

"You work 10 hours a day, I say this all the time, 10 hours a day for 60 minutes of football," he said. "Those 60 minutes are crucial, so we need to take advantage of every minute of it."

Coincidentally, Beckham has missed a couple of minutes in two of the last three days because he needed an IV after becoming dehydrated.

"I really don't like water," he said matter-of-factly.

"I'm trying ... Sometimes I just got to get an IV."



Tim Ireland/AP

**Los Angeles linebacker Denzel Perryman (52), left, loses his helmet during a tackle in the first half of Sunday's game against Tennessee at Wembley Stadium in London. The Chargers won 20-19 after a late pair of failed two-point conversions by the Titans.**

28-yard field goal with a 75-yard touchdown pass to Tyrell Williams on Los Angeles' first play from scrimmage, the longest touchdown scored in the NFL's 11-year history of holding games in London.

The Titans made their first appearance in England, while the Chargers played at

Wembley for the first time since Oct. 26, 2008, when they lost 37-32 to the New Orleans Saints.

**Injuries:** Tennessee: Right guard Josh Kline was injured with 43 seconds remaining and replaced by Corey Levin and did not return.

Los Angeles: Safety Adrian Phillips injured an ankle in the second quarter before returning in the third. Cornerback Casey Hayward Jr. required attention after a hit on Mariota before halftime and WR Mike Williams also needed a moment after a hard fall in the fourth quarter but both returned.



Beckham

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Saturday's stars

**Tua Tagovailoa**, Alabama, threw for 306 yards and had TD passes to four receivers in little over a half, leading the top-ranked Crimson Tide to a 58-21 victory over Tennessee.

**Alan Bowman**, Texas Tech, threw for 408 yards and three TDs in his first game since suffering a partially collapsed lung three weeks ago, helping the Red Raiders beat Kansas 48-16.

**Drew Lock**, Missouri, threw for 350 yards and four TDs to 23-29 passing to help the Tigers defeat Memphis 65-33.

**Johnny Ford**, South Florida, rushed for 164 yards and three TDs to help the Bulls remain unbeaten with a 38-30 victory over Connecticut.

**Benny Snell Jr.**, Kentucky, rushed for 169 yards, including the go-ahead 7-yard run with 8:04 remaining, helping the No. 14 Wildcats beat Vanderbilt 14-12.

**Tyler Huntley**, Utah, threw for 341 yards and four TDs to lead the Utes to a 41-28 victory over Southern Cal.

**D'Eriq King**, Houston, threw for 413 yards and accounted for four TDs in a 49-36 victory over Navy.

**Jake Maier**, UC Davis, threw for five TDs in a 52-10 win over Cal Poly.

**Austin Day**, Marist, threw for a school-record 440 yards and five TDs in a 48-41 win over Davidson.

**Patrick Laird**, California, ran for 193 yards and two TDs, and also caught a scoring pass in the Bears' 49-7 victory at Oregon State.

**Lawson Page**, Morehead State, passed for a season-high 352 yards and accounted for three TDs in a 31-24 win over Valparaiso.

— The Associated Press



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

**South Florida running back Johnny Ford, left, outruns Connecticut defensive back Robert P. King III for a 43-yard touchdown during the second half on Saturday in Tampa, Fla. Ford scored three times and ran for 164 yards on the day.**

## How the AP Top 25 fared

**1** Alabama (8-0) beat Tennessee 58-21. Tua Tagovailoa threw touchdown passes to four receivers and Alabama started fast again to overpower Tennessee. Alabama has outscored opponents 69-31, and Tennessee has outscored 66-24 in its last four games this season.

**Next:** vs. No. 5 LSU, Saturday, Nov. 3.

**2** Ohio State (7-1) lost to Purdue 49-20. DJ Kinnish rushed for 128 yards and three touchdowns, David Blough threw for three more scores and Purdue shook up the College Football Playoff chase with a blowout of the Buckeyes. Blough outplayed Heisman Trophy candidate Dwayne Haskins Jr. on a night the Buckeyes didn't reach the end zone until early in the fourth quarter.

**Next:** vs. Nebraska, Saturday, Nov. 3.

**3** Clemson (7-0) beat No. 16 NC State 41-7. Trevor Lawrence threw for a career-high 308 yards, Travis Etienne rushed for three touchdowns and Clemson turned an expected Atlantic Coast Conference showdown into a rout.

**Next:** vs. Florida State, Saturday.

**4** Notre Dame (7-0) did not play. The Irish are heavily favored in each of their remaining five games. Brian Kelly's team has tasks in December will be making sure its team doesn't get ahead of itself or slip up on any given week. A single loss might be enough to end his team's playoff hopes.

**Next:** vs. Navy, San Diego, Saturday.

**5** LSU (7-1) beat No. 22 Mississippi State 19-3. Michael Divinity Jr.'s interception set up Nick Brossette's short touchdown run, Cole Tracy added field goals and the Tigers beat Mississippi State. LSU's top linebacker, Devin White, was ejected for targeting in the fourth quarter, he will not be eligible to play in the first half of the showdown with unbeaten and top-ranked Alabama.

**Next:** vs. No. 1 Alabama, Saturday, Nov. 3.

**6** Michigan (7-1) beat No. 24 Michigan State 21-17. Shea Patterson threw two touchdown passes and Michigan snapped a streak of 17 consecutive losses to ranked teams on the road. Michigan's Karan Higdon had 144 yards rushing on 33 carries against the nation's top-ranked rushing defense.

**Next:** vs. No. 18 Penn State, Saturday, Nov. 3.

**7** Texas (6-1) did not play. Since a season-opening loss at Maryland, sophomore Sam Ehlinger has consistently delivered for Texas, perhaps the biggest reason why the Longhorns have emerged as a favorite to reach the Big 12 title game.

**Next:** vs. No. 19 Colorado, Saturday.

**8** Georgia (6-1) did not play. The Bulldogs have to find a way to bounce back after their first loss to LSU. Georgia has an off week to get healthy and prepared for Florida, which along with Kentucky and the Bulldogs, sits atop the SEC East.

**Next:** vs. No. 11 Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday.

**9** Oklahoma (6-1) beat TCU 52-27. Kyler Murray threw four touchdown passes, Kennedy Brooks and Trey Sermon had 100-yard rushing games with scores and Oklahoma rebounded from its only loss this season to beat TCU for the third time in 11 months.

**Next:** vs. Kansas State, Saturday.

**10** UCF (7-0) beat East Carolina 37-10. Daniel Mack Jr. stepped in for Heisman Trophy hopeful McKenzie Milton and rushed for 120 yards and a touchdown, and UCF forced five turnovers en route to its 20th straight victory. Milton sat on this one but will be eligible to play in the first half of the showdown with unbeaten and top-ranked Alabama.

**Next:** vs. Temple, Saturday, Nov. 3.

**11** Florida (6-1) did not play. The Gators struggled again with too many penalties against Vanderbilt. That might be what the Gators focus on during the bye week in preparation for the showdown with Georgia.

**Next:** vs. No. 8 Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday.

**12** Oregon (5-2) lost to No. 25 Washington State 20-12. Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert was 25-for-44 for 270 yards and a TD, but it was a big letdown for the Ducks after last week's win over Vanderbilt. The Ducks were lethargic and struggled with execute in the first half, finishing with 39 total yards of offense and just three first downs in the first 30 minutes.

**Next:** at Michigan State, Saturday.

**13** West Virginia (5-1) did not play. The Mountaineers were thoroughly outlasted in a 30-14 loss at Iowa State last Saturday, capped by getting caught up in the middle of thousands of Cyclones fans storming the field. West Virginia now must use its final bye week to try to fix what went wrong.

**Next:** vs. Baylor, Thursday.

**14** Kentucky (6-1) beat Vanderbilt 44-17. Benny Snell Jr. rushed for 169 yards, including the go-ahead 7-yarder with 8:41 remaining in the fourth quarter to end the game. The Wildcats clinched bowl eligibility for a third consecutive season and stayed in contention in the East division with their third straight victory over the Commodores.

**Next:** at Missouri, Saturday.

**15** Washington (6-2) beat Colorado 27-13. Jake Browning threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Fuller on fourth down with less than four minutes remaining, and Washington held off Colorado.

**Next:** at California, Saturday.

**16** NC State (5-1) lost to No. 3 Clemson 41-17. Jordan Ellis ran for a touchdown and Virginia kept Miami's high-powered offense from ever getting going. Ellis scored on a 7-yard run in the first half and Brian Delaney kicked three field goals for the Cavaliers.

**Next:** at No. 22 Mississippi State, Saturday.

**17** Texas A&M (5-1) did not play. The Aggies have found ways to hang in games and overcome opponents at the end. The defense is playing at an elite level right now, but the offense will have to improve in the red zone if they're going to continue to win.

**Next:** at No. 22 Mississippi State, Saturday.

**18** Penn State (5-2) beat Indiana 33-28. Trace McSorley ran for 220 yards, ran for 107 and had a hand in three touchdowns in Penn State's victory over Indiana that snapped a two-game losing streak.

**Next:** vs. No. 19 Louisville, Saturday.

**19** Iowa (6-1) beat Maryland 23-0. Nate Stanley threw for 86 yards and a touchdown to low Anthony Nelson added a TD on a fumble recovery for the Hawkeyes, who held the Terrapins to 115 yards and seven first downs on a day when wind gusts topped 40 mph.

**Next:** at No. 18 Penn State, Saturday.

**20** Cincinnati (6-1) lost to Temple 24-17. OT. Anthony Russo threw a tying 20-yard touchdown pass with 49 second left to Brandon Johnson, who ran it in to Isaiah Wright in overtime for Temple. Cincinnati got a first down on its first play of overtime, but an errant snap behind quarterback Desmond Ridder and a personal foul pushed the Bearcats back. Ridder's pass was intercepted by Shaun Bradley on third-and-10 and the game.

**Next:** at SMU, Saturday.

**21** South Florida (7-0) beat UConn 38-30. Johnny Ford rushed for 164 yards and three touchdowns to help South Florida shrug off a slow start and remain unbeaten. Ford scored on runs of 15, 15 and 43 yards. He also set up a second-half field goal with a 75-yard burst, helping the Bulls pull away.

**Next:** at Houston, Saturday.

**22** Mississippi State (4-3) lost to No. 5 LSU 19-3. Nick Fitzgerald rushed for 131 yards for Mississippi State but completed just eight of 24 passes for 59 yards. Mississippi State's defense, led by Montez Sweat and tackle Jeffery Simmons, gave LSU's offense fits much of the game.

**Next:** vs. No. 17 Texas A&M, Saturday.

**23** Wisconsin (5-2) beat Illinois 49-20. Jonathan Taylor rushed for 139 yards and Taiwan Deal ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns and Wisconsin took advantage of Illinois' five first-half turnovers.

**Next:** at Northwestern, Saturday.

**24** Michigan State (4-3) lost to No. 6 Michigan 23-7. The Spartans struggled to move the ball, getting held by 94 yards and failing to convert any of its 12 third-downs. The game was delayed for 1 hour, 15 minutes in the first quarter because of lightning in the area.

**Next:** vs. Purdue, Saturday.

**25** Washington State (6-1) beat No. 12 Oregon 34-20. Gardner Minshew threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Deezmon Patmon in the back of the end zone with 3:40 left and Washington State beat Oregon. Minshew was 39 of 51 for 323 yards and four touchdowns.

**Next:** at Stanford, Saturday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# No. 6 Michigan picks up chippy win over No. 24 Michigan St.

BY LARRY LAGE  
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan had plenty of reasons to be motivated to beat Michigan State, barely defeating its in-state rival over the last decade and losing to every ranked team on the road for a dozen years.

The Wolverines, though, were even more fired up to win after a pregame spat with the Spartans.

Shea Patterson threw two touchdown passes and No. 6 Michigan earned a desperately needed 21-7 win over No. 24 Michigan State on Saturday, snapping a streak of 17 consecutive losses to ranked teams on the road.

The Wolverines (7-1, 5-0 Big Ten) had lost eight of 10 against coach Mark Dantonio's Spartans and those setbacks have led to them not winning a Big Ten title since 2004.

The matchup is always highly charged, but it was kicked up a notch well before kickoff, and emotions didn't subside even after a 75-minute weather delay during the first quarter.

Michigan State's team walked from one end zone to the other with their arms locked and a few Wolverines were stretching out in the middle of the field when contact was made and words were exchanged.

"Total bush league," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Apparently coach Dantonio was 5 yards behind, smiling."

Dantonio disagreed with Harbaugh's assessment.

Michigan linebacker Devin Bush, one of the players involved in what Harbaugh called "she-nanigans," later dragged and kicked his cleats to rip up some of the grass under the Spartans' white logo at midfield.

"I just got caught up in the moment with my emotions," Bush said.

## Clemson routs NC State

BY MATT CONNOLLY  
*The State*

CLEMSON, S.C. — The last two Clemson and N.C. State matchups were filled with fourth-quarter drama in down-to-the-wire games. The only fourth-quarter drama on Saturday centered around how many walk-ons Clemson would play.

After the Tigers escaped with a pair of close wins against N.C. State each of the past two years, Clemson dominated from start to finish on Saturday, earning a 41-7 victory in a battle between the only two undefeated teams remaining in the ACC.

Clemson freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence (26-for-39, 303 yards, touchdown) outshined Wolfpack senior Ryan Finley (21-for-34, 156 yards), and the Clem-

### 'Total bush league.'

**Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh**

On Saturday's pre-game scuffle between the sixth-ranked Wolverines and No. 24 Michigan State Spartans

The Spartans (4-3, 2-2) struggled to move the ball, getting held to 94 yards and failing to convert any of its 12 third downs.

"Our defense was lights out," Harbaugh said. "That's a dream game."

Michigan was good enough on offense to win, making some plays in the passing game and a lot on the ground against the nation's top-ranked rushing defense.

Patterson's 79-yard pass to Donovan Peoples-Jones put Michigan ahead late in the third quarter.

"Donovan, one-on-one coverage, good luck with that," Patterson said. "I just threw it up to him."

The quarterback converted a fourth-and-2 from the Michigan State 41 early in the fourth, setting up Ben Mason's 5-yard run to give the Wolverines a 21-7 lead.

The Ole Miss transfer was 14 of 25 for 212 yards and made a successful debut in a series that has been tilted Michigan State's way in part because of poor quarterback play. His 6-yard pass to Nico Collins broke a scoreless tie early in the second quarter and was Michigan's first touchdown throw against the Spartans since 2011.

Michigan State needed a funny deep in Michigan territory and a trick play to score once.

Michigan's Karon Higdon had 144 yards rushing on 33 carries against a team that entered the game giving up a nation-low 62 yards on the ground.

"We didn't have enough offense," Dantonio said. "Credit Michigan's defense."

son secondary looked nothing like the one that was torched by Texas A&M in Week 2, as No. 3 Clemson (7-0, 4-0) easily passed perhaps its biggest test until the College Football Playoff.

The Tigers scored a touchdown on their first drive for the first time this season when Travis Etienne (15 carries, 39 yards, three touchdowns) finished off a nine-play, 57-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run.

Lawrence passed for 244 yards in the first half, including a 46-yard touchdown strike to Tee Higgins (eight receptions, 119 yards). Etienne added a 2-yard touchdown run and Greg Huegel connected on a 28-yard field goal as Clemson led 24-0 at halftime.

No. 16 N.C. State (5-1, 2-1) failed to score on its first nine possessions.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Purdue wide receiver Rondale Moore (4) scores the first of his two touchdown catches on Saturday. He had 12 receptions for 170 yards in the Boilermakers' 49-20 upset of No. 2 Ohio State.

# No. 2 Ohio State's woes boil over in loss to Purdue

BY MICHAEL MAROT

*Associated Press*

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Jeff Brohm decided to go for it against No. 2 Ohio State on Saturday.

The Buckeyes buckled under the pressure.

D.J. Knox ran for 128 yards and three touchdowns, David Blough threw for three more scores and the Boilermakers held Ohio State's vaunted passing game in check most of the night as they pulled away for a 49-20 upset to shake up the College Football Playoff chase.

"Just a great performance. I tell you what I don't have anything negative to say," Brohm said. "We came in and played aggressive and I think you have to play aggressive against these guys."

The Boilermakers (4-3, 3-1 Big Ten) certainly have played it their way lately.

They've won four in a row overall, two in a row against ranked opponents and handed Brohm a signature victory midway through his second season by rolling the dice and challenging the Buckeyes in all three phases. Fans spilled onto the field as the Buckeyes (7-1, 3-1) tried to avoid them as they headed to the locker room.

The last time Purdue beat a team ranked this high was when they took down the second-ranked Buckeyes 28-23 on Oct. 6, 1984. And with four scoring plays of at least 40 yards in the final 12 minutes, the Boilermakers shattered their school record for points scored in a series. The previous mark came in October 1967 when Purdue won 41-6 in Columbus, Ohio.

This one won't soon be forgotten by the Boilermakers or the



Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer watches as his No. 2 Buckeyes managed only 76 yards rushing on 25 carries.

Buckeyes, who had their 12-game winning streak snapped while falling one game behind rival Michigan in the Big Ten East.

Blough outplayed Heisman Trophy candidate Dwayne Haskins Jr., finishing 25 of 43 for 378 yards and sealing the victory with a 43-yard scoring pass to Rondale Moore with 3:37 to play. It was Blough's third straight 300-yard game and his fourth this season.

The mistake-prone Buckeyes, meanwhile, didn't reach the end zone until early in the fourth quarter and never led on a night they ran 25 times for 76 yards.

"My main message is we have to treat this like it's life or death," Buckeyes receiver Terry McLaurin said. "You have to have that type of mentality going into battle when someone's trying to knock you off. If you don't come ready, this happens."

Now Ohio State must fight its way back into the playoff mix.

"I'm very surprised. I thought

we had a good week of work," coach Urban Meyer said. "The glaring shortcomings we had were exposed."

Haskins finished 49 of 73, shattering Ohio State's single-game school records in both categories, and had 470 yards, throwing two touchdowns and one interception. But he missed receivers down the field on a windy night at Ross-Ade Stadium, and was nearly picked off a couple of other times before Markus Bailey's 41-yard interception return for a score.

"We came in with an aggressive plan and an aggressive approach," Brohm said. "We did a nice job making their quarterback a little bit uncomfortable and with that the offense was able to score some points and maybe make them (Buckeyes) slightly panicky just a bit."

Isaac Zico got things started with a spectacular one-handed catch before running out of bounds to make it 7-0 late in the first quarter.

# SPORTS



## Boilermakers blowout

Purdue stuns No. 2 Ohio State in rout » **College football, Page 31**

### MLB PLAYOFFS



ROBERT GAUTHIER, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

The Los Angeles Dodgers celebrate a 5-1 win against the Milwaukee Brewers in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series on Saturday in Milwaukee.

# LA returns to World Series

Kershaw comes out of bullpen to help Dodgers over Brewers in NLCS Game 7

BY GENARO C. ARMAS  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Yasiel Puig and Cody Bellinger flexed their muscles. Chris Taylor flashed some leather.

Then the Los Angeles Dodgers got a lift from ace Clayton Kershaw, who came out of the bullpen to finish off the Milwaukee Brewers and return to the World Series.

Puig broke open a tight contest with a three-run homer in the sixth inning. Taylor robbed Christian Yelich with a super catch and the Dodgers took Game 7 of the NL Championship Series with a 5-1 win on Saturday night.

It's off to Fenway Park for a showdown against the Boston Red Sox in Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday.

"It's pretty cool. It's going to be

a pretty special series," said Bellinger, chosen as the NLCS MVP.

Los Angeles hasn't won the World Series since 1988. The Dodgers and Red Sox have met once before in the World Series, back in 1916 with Boston beating Brooklyn behind a big game from pitcher Babe Ruth.

Kenley Jansen tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings before yielding to Kershaw in the ninth. The

three-time Cy Young Award winner, pitching on two days of rest after starting Game 5, finished off the Brewers by striking out Mike Moustakas in a perfect ninth.

Kershaw's teammates mobbed the lefty near the mound after the final out, and the celebration was just beginning for the Dodgers.

"I'm just so proud of our guys for enduring this roller coaster of a season," manager Dave Roberts

said.

What a surge for a team that was 10 games under .500 on May 16.

The Dodgers have talked about having unfinished business after losing Game 7 of the World Series last year to the Houston Astros.

Now they've made baseball's final series of the year in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1977-78.

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**Paul-Rondo fight mars LeBron's home debut** » **Page 28**

